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LEGAL STANDING OF PIRATES.

Colony's Powers of Trial.

PROTRACTED ARGUMENT.

The powers of the Higher Court of Hong Kong to deal with cases of piracy formed the subject of a lengthy discussion in the Full Court this morning, when the legal argument in connection with twelve men found guilty of piracy was continued.

The Attorney-General continued with his argument that the men had been guilty of depredation, which he contended constituted an act of piracy jure gentium. In furthering his submission, he wished to state at the outset that questions as regards piracy on British ships and by British subjects would not enter into the matter. They were dealt with by special statutes both in Britain and America.

The act of piracy jure gentium, counsel claimed, was justiciable everywhere an offender may be found, including Hong Kong. He would proceed to quote authority in support.

"The principal case, which went the whole length of my argument," said Mr. Alabaster, is that of *Kwok Ah-sing*, which was decided in Hong Kong in 1873.

An Old Dictum.

Continuing, counsel quoted a dictum of Sir John Swaine in that case, in which it was laid down that where some of a large number of Chinese coolies, who were being taken from China to Peru in a French ship, killed the captain and several of the French crew, and then took the ship to China, they were held to have been guilty of piracy jure gentium. The piracy was held not to be an offence against the municipal law of China. If they committed an act against the municipal law of any nation, it was against the law of France, to which they were subject at the time; and if they were punishable by the law of China it was only because they had committed an act of piracy jure gentium.

Counsel added that the Judge in the case had found that Kwok Ah-sing was guilty of no offence under British law. He (counsel) would lay emphasis on the fact that the Judge had also said that it was piracy jure gentium, and, therefore, justiciable in Hong Kong. He would particularly stress the word "therefore."

Statute Unnecessary?

The Chief Justice: If your submission is correct, then apparently the Statute of 1849 is unnecessary? And if your view of Kwok Ah-sing's case is a correct view, then so far as piracy jure gentium is concerned the Statute is not required? It is quite unnecessary for the purpose of giving jurisdiction as regards piracy jure gentium. It was considered necessary to pass the Statute in order to make clear the jurisdiction of the Admiralty in the Colony in a large number of offences, which are enumerated in the Statute. It would have been misleading to have drafted the Statute without referring to piracy, because then it could have been argued that the Statute withdrew from the Colonial Court the jurisdiction previously given by the Law of Nations. It was safer and better to word it as it was as a matter of drafting.

In reply to the Chief Justice, counsel said that in his opinion piracy as set out in the Statute inferred piracy jure gentium. He went on to say that the Judges in the Kwok case were aware they had jurisdiction under the law of nations. They did not refer to the municipal laws of China or of France.

Status of Pirates.

The Chief Justice: Does it mean that if the pirate is tried in the Court of the one nation, other nations will offer no objection? I think it means that a pirate, being an enemy of all nations, no nation will extend its national protection to a pirate seized by another nation, and will be content that the other nation shall deal with him.

Later, still dealing with the same case, Mr. Alabaster said that it was sufficient for his purpose to state that the case of *Kwok Ah-sing* established the fact of jurisdiction in Hong Kong.

TWO EUROPEANS IN MOTOR SMASH.

Car Turns Turtle Into Nullah.

REMOVED TO HOSPITAL.

A serious motor car accident occurred near the junction of Waterloo Road and Nathan Road shortly before midnight, last night, when a Studebaker touring car, driven by Mr. S. Ashworth, Assistant Government Surveyor, failed to negotiate the corner near the Dogs' Home and capsized into the nullah that borders the road at that point.

Mr. Ashworth, who was accompanied in the car by his wife, was proceeding toward Nathan Road at 11.45 p.m. for some unknown reason crashed into the iron railings on the edge of the nullah. So great was the force of the impact that the railings were torn down for a distance of 22 yards.

After hitting the railings the car turned turtle and fell into the nullah, pinning the two occupants beneath. On the arrival of the Police Mrs. Ashworth was extricated.

MISSIONARY'S FATE.

Government To Pay Full Ransom.

Rugby, Yesterday. Referring to the case of Father Tierney, of the St. Columba Mission at Kien-chang, in the Chinese Province of Kwangsi, who has been held by bandits against ransom, Dr. Hugh Dalton stated in the House of Commons that it was feared that he was dead, although the rumour was not confirmed and the Chinese Government had ordered the local Magistrate to pay the full ransom. The British Minister was continuing to do everything in his power to effect the release of Father Tierney if still alive. — British Wireless Service.

ated with some difficulty, but Mr. Ashworth, who was pinned down by the steering wheel, was inaccessible and three-quarters of an hour elapsed before he could be taken out, after the car had been lifted by means of breakdown tackle.

Severe Shock.

Both were removed to Kowloon Hospital suffering from severe shock and other injuries. The car was very badly damaged, most of the coachwork being smashed.

Mr. and Mrs. Ashworth, who came to the Colony in January, 1930, are living at Observatory Villa, Kowloon. Upon enquiries at the Kowloon Hospital this morning it was ascertained that the full extent of their injuries is not yet known.

Taking a parallel, it was sufficient authority to try the prisoners in the present case.

The Chief Justice: The opinion to which I am personally inclined is that this Court has no jurisdiction except the jurisdiction conferred upon it by Statute—or law.

Mr. Alabaster intimated that it was not part of his argument to consider any Statute at all. He dealt solely with jurisdiction conferred by the law of nations.

"Depredation."

At the hearing yesterday the Attorney-General, replying for the Crown to Mr. Lo's legal arguments, submitted that the prisoners had been guilty of depredation, in that they had made a prey upon certain persons and goods.

The Chief Justice asked what was the exact definition of depredation, and whether it did not involve taking?

The Attorney-General replied that anyone could be preyed upon without any taking. He proceeded to quote authorities on the point.

Later, counsel contended that the local Court had jurisdiction in dealing with pirates, as International Law stated that the crime of piracy was justiciable anywhere, and in any Court.

The Chief Justice was of opinion that the phrase meant that piracy was justiciable by any nation.

REDUCTION OF SUEZ CANAL DUES.

Resolution by Home Business Men.

PRESENT ABUSES.

London, Yesterday. A resolution calling for a reduction of the Suez Canal dues was passed at a meeting of leading Liverpool business men today.

The resolution emphasises Liverpool's vital dependence on Eastern markets, and urges the Government to bring about an immediate reduction of the dues on loaded ships to five gold francs, and to promote negotiations for a fresh agreement with the Canal Company which will prevent a recurrence of the present abuses and give lasting confidence in the efficient and impartial administration of the Canal. — Reuter.

FAILURE TO OBEY A TRAFFIC SIGNAL.

Taxicab Driver Fined in Central Court.

COLLISION AVERTED.

"The tramcar driver had to put on the emergency brake to prevent a collision" remarked Inspector C. F. Alexander in the Central Police Court this morning, when he summoned before Mr. Schofield the Chinese driver of a taxicab for having failed to recognise a signal given him by an Indian policeman, on point duty.

Inspector Alexander explained that the taxi was driven from Queen's Road, along Pedder Street. At the junction of Dea Vaux Road Central, an Indian constable signalled against the defendant, to allow a tramcar to pass. The taxi driver took no heed of the warning, and proceeded to cut right in front of the moving tramcar. The latter's driver applied the emergency brakes and thus avoided a probable collision. A fine of \$10 was imposed.

Horn Offence.

In summoning a Chinese for having hooted a motor car horn unnecessarily, Inspector Nicol stated that defendant sounded the horn seven times, outside his quarters in Hollywood Road. The hooting was done to attract the driver's attention, as he was up at the Traffic Office, along with another man, awaiting a test.

His Worship imposed a fine of \$5.

Failed To Report.

For failing to report a collision, between his combination motor cycle, and a motor car in Stubbs Road, Mr. Andrew Ho was fined \$7.

Traffic Sergeant Guild informed his Worship that the defendant was riding up Stubbs Road in the direction of Repulse Bay and was following a motor bus which stopped to deposit passengers. The defendant drove out from behind the bus and the cycle collided with the left side of motor car which came round a corner, in the opposite direction.

The Police officer added that defendant never reported the matter to the Police, and he (Sergeant, Guild) had to go to defendant's office the following day. A fine of \$7 was imposed.

It will be recalled that defendant was fined \$25 last week for negligent driving in connection with a similar incident.

EUROPEAN UNION.

MR. HENDERSON LEAVES FOR PARIS.

LEAGUE ENQUIRY.

Rugby, Yesterday. The Foreign Secretary, Mr. Arthur Henderson, left London today for Paris to attend a meeting of the Committee appointed by the Council of the League of Nations in January last to organise the work of the Commission of Enquiry into a European Economic Union.

The Committee begins its sittings in Paris to-morrow morning. — British Wireless Service.

A Japanese goggle dog, belonging to Mr. Kanada, of Bowen Road, was sent to Kennedy Town for the usual period of observation; after it had bitten Mr. Kanada's son on the left leg. The boy was taken to the Government Civil Hospital for treatment.

SOCIETY HONOURS COMEDIAN.

Premiers and Princes Bow to "Charlie."

GUEST OF A DUKE.

Paris, Yesterday. The announcement that the Cross of the Legion of Honour will be bestowed on Charlie



Charlie Chaplin.

Chaplin is the climax to the honours paid here to the comedian, who to-day was the guest of M. Briand at the Quai d'Orsay, where he met a distinguished company including the British Ambassador, the celebrated poetess, La Comtesse Monles, the playwright Tristan Bernard, and Prince and Princess Sixte Bourbon Parme.

Charlie will be the guest of the Duke of Westminster at his seat in Normandy, where his grace keeps a pack of boarhounds, after which Mr. Chaplin will probably go to the Riviera to rest. — Reuter.

FOG LATER.

To-day's weather report from the Royal Observatory states:—

The anti-cyclone has weakened and is central near Shanghai.

The depression has deepened and passed to the N.E. of Tokyo.

Moderate monsoon prevails along the S.E. coast of China.

Forecast:—E. or variable winds; light to moderate; generally fair; fog later.

Rainfall.

Rainfall for 24 hours ended at 10 a.m.—nil. Rainfall since January 1—4.03 inches against an average of 5.30 inches—deficit 1.27 inch.

Temperature.

The temperature at certain specified centres this morning at 6 o'clock was:—

Hong Kong 66
Macao 65
Pratas Island 72
Manila 79
Fochow 60
Amoy 60
Swatow 60
Chefoo 36
Shanghai 38

BRITISH BUDGET.

TO BE PRESENTED BY MR. SNOWDEN IN APRIL.

CHANCELLOR BETTER.

London, Yesterday. Mr. Snowden's health has so improved that he is now confidently believed that he will be able to present the Budget himself in the House of Commons in April.

The date was provisionally fixed for April 14, but it may be postponed for a week if necessary, to enable Mr. Snowden to make his Budget speech. — Reuter.

JAIL FOR REBELS.

FRAMED REPUBLICAN MANIFESTO.

EX-MINISTER SENTENCED.

Madrid, Yesterday. A Court martial to-day sentenced the Republican leaders, General Burgete and ex-Minister Zamora, signatories to the Republican manifesto of December, to six months' imprisonment.

The trial had been postponed owing to the illness of the accused. — Reuter.

BRITAIN AND SOUTH AMERICAN TRADE.

Beneficial Result of Mission.

MARKETING METHODS.

Rugby, Yesterday. In reply to a question on the report of the Trade Mission to South America, Mr. G. M. Gillett, Secretary to the Overseas Trade Department, said that effect had been given to the Mission's recommendations concerning participation in the British Empire Exhibition in Buenos Aires, the reduction of cable rates, increased official representation, an extension of cultural education, marketing methods, and aviation matters. Distinct benefit had accrued to trade as a result of the Mission in that the attention of British exporters had been focused on the South American market. — British Wireless Service.

GERMANY EXPLAINS CUSTOMS PACT.

International Pledges Not Violated.

NO PROTESTS MADE.

Berlin, Yesterday. The explanation of the Austro-German Customs convention was given by the Foreign Minister, Dr. Curtius, to the British, French and Italian Ambassadors who visited him in response to his invitation. Dr. Curtius subsequently issued a statement, emphasising that there was no question of representations or protests having been made to Berlin.

The evening newspapers warmly support the Government's contention that no international obligations are violated by the agreement. — Reuter.

Earlier News.

Berlin, Yesterday.

Official circles are unable to understand the excitement in the European capitals over the Austro-German tariff convention.

It is reiterated that the agreement does not conflict with existing obligations, but is a first step towards economic unity in a "United States of Europe" of which M. Briand is an ardent propagandist.

Hitherto there have been no protests by foreign Powers here, and none is expected in official quarters, as it is contended that neither Austria nor Germany has violated any obligations. Both retain entire economic and political independence. — Reuter.

TREASURY DEFICIT IN THE STATES.

Losses Due to Stock Market Speculation.

DECREASE OF INCOMES.

Washington, Yesterday. A Treasury deficit of \$700,000,000 is expected at the end of the fiscal year, June 30. Some indication of the financial situation is given in the Treasury estimates for income tax collections for the present month, which give \$209,000,000 compared with \$559,505,000 for the same period of last year.

The incomes both of individuals and corporations show a decrease, the reduction of many of the former being due to losses sustained by taxpayers through stock market speculation. — Reuter's American Service.

GUEST OF PORTUGAL

PRINCE OF WALES ACCEPTS INVITATION.

TO STAY IN LISBON.

Lisbon, Yesterday. It is officially stated that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales has accepted an invitation to be the guest of the Government in Lisbon on April 25 and 26. — Reuter.

Mr. E. W. Hamilton granted a week's formal remand in the Kowloon Police Court this morning in respect of a case against *Liang Yau Choi* alias *Leung Yu*, who is charged with stealing nine silver tea spoons from the Club-house of the K.B.S.F.P.A. at King's Park on Saturday last.

PARKING AT THE RACE COURSE.

Jockey Club Official Summoned.

MAGISTRATE'S DECISION.

The case in which Mr. H. R. Forsyth, C.A., of Messrs. Linstead and Davis, and assistant to the Secretary of the Jockey Club, who was summoned for having disobeyed directions given him by a Police officer in uniform, in Wongneichung Road, Happy Valley, at 10.20 a.m. on March 2—the second day of the annual Race Meeting—was concluded before Mr. W. Schofield in the Central Police Court this morning.

"Would Not Shift." Giving evidence, Traffic Sub-Inspector Nicol said: "At 10.20 a.m. on March 2, I drove to Happy Valley by Wongneichung. I put my car in the park stand, just south of the entrance. I saw car No. 1732 under the verandah. I knew the car to be owned by Mr. Forsyth, and I saw him standing near the public entrance. I told him to put his car in the stand with other cars, and he told me that it was Jockey Club property and he would

Training Fees To Be Paid To Britain.

London, Yesterday. Replying to Capt. Peter MacDonald in the House of Commons in regard to the arrangement made with the Nationalist Government of China for training the Chinese Navy, Mr. C. G. Ammon, Secretary to the Admiralty, stated that the Chinese Nationalist Government was paying the actual cost to the British Government. — Reuter.

CHINESE NAVY.

Mr. Forsyth: "You can't park your car here will you put it over there?" He replied: "This is Jockey Club property" and turned and walked away.

"Not My Funeral." Mr. Forsyth said that he might stimulate the Inspector's memory and point out that to his recollection that after he had told the complainant that the space was Jockey Club property, Inspector Nicol replied: "That's not my funeral."

Inspector Nicol said that he did not remember saying that.

Mr. Forsyth remarked that it was a pity and said that on the second occasion when he told the Inspector that the ground was Jockey Club property, he (defendant) pointed out that the car was in nobody's way.

Referring to a point of law, His Worship asked Mr. Forsyth how far the Jockey Club extended, and Mr. Forsyth replied that the Jockey Club property extended about 100 yards beyond the public tiffin room.

Magistrate's Decision.

Giving his decision, the Magistrate said that the summons was taken out under the Vehicle and Traffic Regulations and under that Ordinance, the definition of "road" was that it constituted any highway, alleyway or other place to which the public had access, either continuously or intermittently, whether Crown property or otherwise. The Governor in Council had power to control traffic. He thought that the definition of "road" in the regulation covered very clearly the place where Mr. Forsyth's car was parked.

His Worship found also that, as a fact, the Police had, and they had for some years, regulated the traffic at the open parking stands during the race meetings. He saw that the Police had a right to regulate traffic at open stands. There was evidence that two cars were told not to park where Mr. Forsyth's car was. His Worship understood that the public would soon have no more access to the open space.

Mr. Forsyth explained that there was a store room under construction at present.

A Point of Law.

His Worship decided that on a point of law he had to rule against Mr. Forsyth, but he would take into consideration the fact that Mr. Forsyth had a claim to be there and administered a caution.

Inspector Nicol said that when he first saw Mr. Forsyth he (defendant) was talking to Sub-Inspector Carpenter. Witness shouted to

ARCHBISHOP'S TOUR KEPT SECRET.

Vatican Uneasy at Visit to Jerusalem.

CRUISE IN BANKER'S YACHT

London, Yesterday. Lambeth Palace announces that the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Very Rev. C. G. Lang, has recovered from his recent illness and made excellent progress in recovery from his recent illness and has left London for a month's cruise in the Mediterranean, after which he hopes to return to his duties in full health.

It is unofficially stated that the Archbishop is going to a Continental port whose name is kept secret and embark on Mr. Pierpont Morgan's yacht, which will visit the holy places of Palestine. The Vatican recently expressed disquiet at the Archbishop's proposed visit to Jerusalem. — Reuter.

Very Old Friends.

Rugby, Yesterday. Dr. Lang, Archbishop of Canterbury, who some time ago was ordered three months' complete rest by his medical advisers, left London to-day en route for the Mediterranean, where he will join Mr. Pierpont Morgan's yacht *Corsair* for a cruise.

He and Mr. Morgan are very old friends and will visit Palestine together. The Archbishop, who is suffering from an acutely painful form of neuralgia, has recently made excellent progress toward recovery. — British Wireless Service.

[Dr. Lang, who was formerly Archbishop of York, succeeded the late Dr. Davidson as Archbishop of Canterbury in 1928. Consecrated in 1901—His Grace was formerly Hon. Chaplain to Queen Victoria.]

Mr. John Pierpont Morgan is the famous American banker and philanthropist.]

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very much greater fall than that being imposed in countries where silver is the measure, states the Financial News. It is, perhaps, some exaggeration to say that the purchasing power of half the population of the world has thus been reduced by a fall that in five years has brought the gold value of silver from 32d. an ounce to 14d.

This statement overlooks the very important difference between the position of the people of China where silver is the measure of value, and that of India, where the rupee is a token coin having value based on gold. Yet, even in India, the depreciation of silver is a vital element in the economic and, therefore, in the political situation.

Mr. J. F. Darling, who urged the need for rehabilitating silver at the meeting organised by the Royal Empire Society, is thus from a number of points of view justified in emphasising the immense and pressing importance of the silver question upon the welfare of the Empire generally and of the countries

The silver problem has two aspects that should be carefully distinguished. From the long-period point of view it is part of the gold problem. There is little doubt that, falling the restoration of silver to its old place as a measure of value in western countries, it will not be very long before virtually the whole world is on a gold basis. Such a development would greatly accentuate the difficulties that might arise from a shortage of gold in the next five or ten years.

Only Two Ways.

There seem to be only two ways broadly speaking, in which the

difficulties can be overcome. The first one is to move forward; through central banking co-operation, the position where the gold is regarded as necessary for currency reserve purposes is very much reduced. The other is to broaden the metallic basis for reserves to the re-monetisation of silver. This issue is very largely a practical one, depending upon the probability that the necessary banking co-operation and the modification of central bank statutes can be brought about before great difficulties result from falling gold prices.

The short-period problem is how to overcome the immediate trouble that arises from the fact that the gold is now a drain on the system.

cent extreme fall in the gold value of silver. They must be surmounted with reasonable promptitude, and at all. It is no use to wait for several years, during which international agreement might conceivably be reached for a policy of bimetallism. By that time, supposing silver - to remain in the neighbourhood of its present value, labour and commodity values in silver-using countries would have been forced, with very great attendant difficulties, to hardships, down to their silver measure.

Once that had taken place the rehabilitation of silver would have to take place on a basis of its own depreciated gold value. It would

useless to force a great appreciation. If anything is to be done check the very serious effects deflating silver values to a point adjusted to the present market price of silver. It must be done quickly. We thus suggest that while the rehabilitation of silver, as demanded by Mr. Douglas, is a question that deserves the full consideration it is the pressing problem of the moment. That problem is to raise the price of silver to, say, some where not much less than the \$1.35 level. This problem demands immediate attention.

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By Order,

C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 19th March, 1931.

**THE HONG KONG JOCKEY
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By Order,

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Hong Kong, 21st March, 1931.

COMPANY MEETINGS

**THE HONG KONG FIRE
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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE SIXTY-SECOND ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the Undersigned on THURSDAY, the 26th March, 1931, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1930.

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By Order of the Board of Directors,
R. M. DYER,
Chief Manager.

Hong Kong, 17th March, 1931.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

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The present dispute dates from the year 1883, when popular demand forced the Egyptian Government to authorise the formation of a Coptic National Body, known as the Maglis Milli, with the right to supervise Church affairs.

The late Patriarch, Kirolos V., actively opposed this body, and his action eventually led to his retirement to one of the monasteries.

On his death in 1927 the Maglis Milli, acting on the authority given it by the Government, elected Commos Hanna Salama, the reformist Bishop of Khartoum, to the Patriarchal See. The election was unopposed, and was generally approved, especially by the Ethiopians.

Government Intrigue.
It, however, soon became evident that the Egyptian Government had no desire to see the Reformists in power, and the appointment of the now elected Patriarch was never confirmed.

Intrigue followed. Intrigue and eventually the acting Patriarch Anba Youannis, formerly assistant to the late Kirolos V., was elected by Government nominees, and the election of Commos Hanna Salama by the Maglis Milli was declared invalid.

Patriarch Anba Youannis, on being elected, took up his stand by the anti-reform clerical party. It is stated that under his guidance the seminary at Cairo is in a retrogressive state and the teaching that of a hundred years ago. The Maglis Milli decided that in order to train young priests it was necessary to send them as students to British universities. The Patriarch disallowed this and threatened any student proceeding abroad with excommunication. The Maglis Milli then proposed the employment of British clergy as teachers in the school; this measure was also refused.

In spite of repeated popular requests the Patriarch has refused all demands both from Alexandria and elsewhere to appoint a Bishop to the vacant See at Alexandria. All his appointments, it is said, are of the reactionary type of clergy.

Anglophile Community.
The Patriarch has done his utmost to recall Bishop Commos Hanna Salama from the Sudan, but up to the present local pressure has been too great. He appears to have created considerable ill-feeling in Ethiopia, where, it is said, he favours Italian influence rather than British.

The Patriarch is now making strenuous efforts to get the law of 1883 repealed, which would enable him to abolish the Maglis Milli.

The whole controversy is most unfortunate from the point of view of the well-being of one of the oldest Christian Churches in the Middle East; but it has another and political aspect. The stability and prosperity of the Coptic Church is of great importance to Great Britain all through the countries where Copt influence is felt. The sympathies of this community have always inclined towards England, and it is to England that they look for moral support.

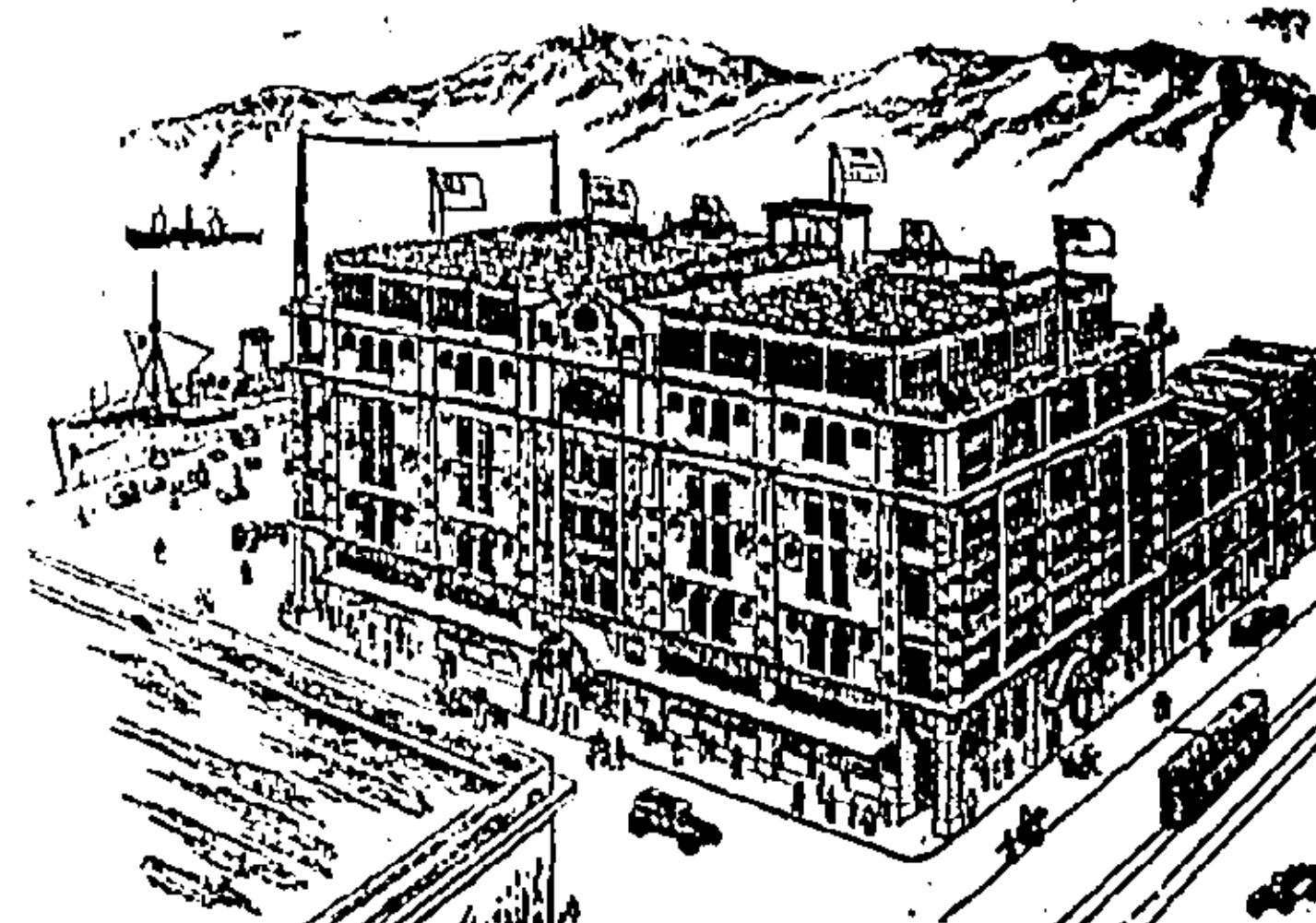
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Squadron-Leader Don is very reticent about his plans, and declined to reveal them when interviewed, but it is evident that he is in a hurry to reach Lisbon, and it seems as if the date is fixed in advance for his departure from there.

There has been much speculation at Le Bourget as to whether Don's flight is in any way connected with the Prince of Wales' visit to South America, and it is even suggested that the Prince might contemplate flying part of the way home, although, according to his published programme, he is to return by sea. Another suggestion is that the machine will be at the disposal of another Royal personage who might elect to travel by air—Reuter Wireless.

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SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.	
IYO MARU (Kobe direct)	Saturday, 28th March.
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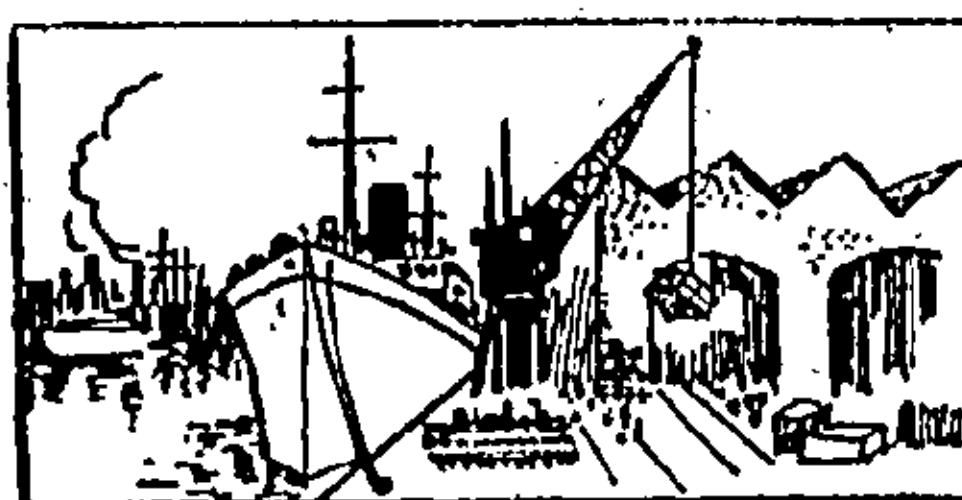
LONDON, HAMBURG, ROTTERDAM & ANTWERP via Singapore, Colombo, Suez & Port Said.	Alaska Maru	Sun., 8th Apr.
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KARACHI & BOMBAY via Singapore & Colombo.	Canada Maru	Wed., 1st Apr.
DURBAN, LOURENCO MARQUES, BEIRA, DAR-ES-SALAAM, ZANZIBAR & MOMBASA via Singapore & Colombo.	Brisbane Maru	Mon., 6th Apr.
MELBOURNE via Manila, Brisbane & Sydney.	Burma Maru	Wed., 1st Apr.
CALCUTTA via Singapore, Belawan, Deli & Rangoon.	Africa Maru (from Shanghai)	Wed., 16th Apr.
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER via Japan Ports.	Kwansei Maru	Sat., 4th Apr.
NEW YORK via Japan ports, Los Angeles & Panama. Call Direct at Boston, Philadelphia & Baltimore.	Seattle Maru	Tues., 24th Mar.
JAPAN PORTS (Freight Service).	Menado Maru	Thurs., 2nd Apr.
HAIPHONG via Hoihow & Tientsin (Fortnightly).	Canlon Maru	Sun., 20th Mar.
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PROMINENT PASSENGERS ON BOARD.

Mrs. Edith R. McVay, wife of Admiral McVay, Commander-in-Chief of the Asiatic Fleet of the United States. Admiral McVay is now aboard the U.S.S. Houston.

Mr. Mark Hanna, manager of the Orient division of the Paramount films, on a business trip to Hong Kong accompanied by his wife.

Mr. L. A. Spalding, official agency Superintendent for the Manufacturer's Life Insurance Co., of Toronto, Canada. On a business tour of the various agencies.

LAID-UP TONNAGE.

EFFECT ON NEW CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMME.

During January an examination was made with a view to ascertaining the tonnage of laid-up ships. The figure given, excluding tankers, was 4,467,150 tons gross (the Chamber of Shipping gave a somewhat higher estimate), taking no account of numerous vessels belonging to the United States Shipping Board which, as is well known, will probably never again go to sea. The world tonnage of existing ships is some 68,000,000 tons, or about 60,000,000 tons gross excluding tankers. The comment was therefore made that the laid-up tonnage was excessive and indicated that there could be little revival in shipping until a great improvement in world trade had caused a large proportion of the idle vessels to be placed again in commission.

There is no object in denying that shipping is now in a deplorable condition, writes the Motor Ship, but it is equally unwise to draw conclusions of the nature indicated without further investigations, also without the reflection in mind that both shipping and shipbuilding in their long history have shown the characteristic of rapidity of revival more prominently than almost any other industry. It is apt to be forgotten, in the depth of depression, that the genius of the shipowner lies more in anticipating a revival months hence than in coping with the demand it causes once it exists, and in this he differs from those responsible for the control of other industries. It has been proved again and again that the most successful shipowner is the man with the vision of coming events and the courage to place orders in a period of depression.

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STEAMERS' MOVEMENTS.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. Empress of Russia arrived at Nagasaki on March 22 (Sun.) at 4 p.m., left Nagasaki on March 23 (Mon.) at 7 a.m., and was due at Kobe on March 24 (Tues.) at 6 a.m. She leaves Kobe on March 24 (Tues.) at 6 p.m.

The m.v. Japanese Prince from New York sailed from Shanghai on March 23, and is expected to arrive here on March 26 at daylight.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. Empress of Canada arrived at Victoria on March 20 (Fri.) at 8 a.m., leaves Vancouver on March 28 (Sat.), a.m., and is due at Hong Kong on April 18 (Sat.). She leaves Hong Kong for Manila on April 18 (Sat.) at 5 p.m. Her passage from Yokohama to Victoria were 8 days 7 hours 51 minutes.

PASSENGER LISTS.

-ARRIVALS.

Per s.s. President Jackson on March 23:—
Mr. E. W. Broadwith, Mr. and Mrs. V. Desborough, Mr. R. V. Farrell, Mrs. Douglas M. Fleming, Mr. P. E. Glekhauf, Mr. Rupert Grimshaw, Mr. S. Kapper, Mr. A. W. Lynch, John H. Reiser, Mrs. Proctor M. Thornton, Mr. H. Walbel, Mr. M. A. Waldo, Mr. R. C. Watson Jun., Mr. W. Wright.

Per s.s. President Pierce on March 23:—
Mr. Pablo V. Andrada, Mr. Victor Armstrong, Mr. Wilkie, Calvert, Mr. Athiel E. Gillis, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Hanna, Mr. Hugh Hunter, Miss Joan Hunter, Mr. Felix Jimenez, Mrs. Daisy B. Knapp, Mrs. C. B. McVay, Mr. Benito Morales, Mr. Miwa Naosuke, Mr. Harold A. Oborg, Mr. A. Fehrsen, Mr. and Mrs. Homer J. Perkins, Miss Lotus J. Perkins, Master Curtis L. Perkins, Mrs. William Pollock, Mr. and Mrs. Carlos Proyer, Mr. Tetsui Shimizu, Mr. Louis A. Spalding, Mrs. Lauretta B. Swenson, Mr. Salvador Tirol.

ZINC ORE.

Reduction Of Freight Announced.

CHINA HOMEWARD CONFERENCE FREIGHT TARIFF NO. 12

Dated January 1, 1931.

ADDENDUM NO. 11

PART 2.

The rate of freight on Zinc Ore has been reduced from date to the following:—

	Column	Column
Per ton of 20 cwt. (in bulk, cases, casks or bags) 18/- Net	20/-	
Iron and Lead Ore remain unchanged, viz. 23/- Net	20/-	
Hong Kong, March 23, 1931.		

ARRIVALS OF SHIPS.

Sunday, March 22.
Aller, German str., 4,740 tons, Captain M. Hashagen, from Shanghai, buoy No. A11.—Melchers & Co.
An Lee, Chinese str., 992 tons, Capt. S. Kato, from Canton, Kowloon Dock.—Yee Tai Hong.
Dorry, Chinese str., 1,033 tons, Capt. J. Bruhn, from Hoihow, Kowloon Bay.—Chau Yue Teng.
Hirundo Norwegian str., 1,125 tons, Captain J. A. Pedersen, from Swatow, buoy No. C1.—Thoresen & Co.
Kiangsu, British str., 1,551 tons, Capt. R. Richard, from Swatow, buoy No. 14.—B. & S.
Palembang, Dutch str., 1,029 tons, Captain F. A. Wildschut, from Balikpapan, A.P.C. Wharf.—A.P.C.
Prominent, Norwegian str., 1,377 tons, Captain H. Jensen, from Hoihow, buoy No. C4.—K. Larsen & Co.
Solvik Norwegian str., 1,435 tons, Capt. N. Norvalis, from Saigon, buoy No. C3.—Wallem & Co.
Wing Wo, Portuguese str., 495 tons, Capt. I. D. de Lemos, from K. C. Wan, Saikong Wharf.—We Hop & Co.

Monday, March 23.
Canton, French str., 976 tons, Capt. F. L. Morvan, from Haiphong, buoy No. C5.—M. M.
Cheongshing, British str., 1,256 tons, Captain D. G. Burleigh, from Canton, buoy No. B22.—J. M. & Co.
Columbia, German str., 15,988 tons, Capt. Ahrens, from Manila, buoy No. A1.—Melchers & Co.
Feng Lee, Chinese str., 1,250 tons, Capt. Yamagi, from Swatow, buoy No. B19.—Yee Tai Hong.
Hanyang, British str., 1,207 tons, Capt. C. Harris Walker, from Canton, Tientsin Dock.—B. & S.
Hosang, British str., 3,293 tons, Capt. R. J. J. Sneddon, from Amoy, buoy No. B2.—J. M. & Co.
Indus Maru, Japanese str., 2,697 tons, Captain K. Kuroyanagi, from Sourabaya, buoy No. B21.—O.S.K.
Kinyuan, British str., 1,546 tons, Capt. J. D. Whyte, from Hoihow, buoy No. B9.—B. & S.
Liangchow, British str., 1,220 tons, Capt. John Taylor, from Canton, buoy No. B5.—B. & S.
Noborikawa Maru, Japanese str., 1,236 tons, Capt. Kitashige, from Hakodate, Yantai Anchorage.—M.R.K.
Pres. Jackson, American str., 8,377 tons, Capt. Brun, from Manila, buoy No. A5.—Thoresen & Co.

PRES. JACKSON.

PROMINENT VISITORS TO THE COLONY.

The following passengers arrived in Hong Kong on March 23 aboard the s.s. President Jackson:—
Mr. P. E. Glekhauf, Manager for Eastern Division Goodyear Tyre and Rubber Export Co.
Mr. V. Desborough, a Merchant for the National Carbon Co., accompanied by his wife.

Mr. W. Wright, Sales Representative for the National Carbon Co.
Mrs. D. B. Fleming, en route to Hong Kong where she will remain for an indefinite period.

Mrs. P. M. Thornton, also destined for Hong Kong and will remain for an indefinite period.

Mr. A. M. Amund, en route to Manila after a vacation trip to the States. Mr. Amund is Vice-President of the Atlantic Gulf and Pacific Co.

Mr. W. Applegate, accompanied by the wife, is en route to his home in Manila after a visit to the States. Mr. Applegate is the President of the Luzon Stevedoring Co., of Luzon.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Verner Fensch, returning to the Philippines after a vacation in the States. Mr. Fensch is connected with the Pacific Commercial Co. at Manila.

Mr. F. Flatten, en route to Manila and will make a tour of the Islands. He is connected with the Gold Dust Corp.

Mr. H. J. Hawkins, en route to Manila where he is connected with the Standard Oil Co. of New York.

Mrs. A. G. Hillard, accompanied by her son, Mstr. John R. Hillard, will be in the Island for a short while and then continue on around the Globe via President Liners.

Mr. B. A. Lenerose, en route to Manila, where he will visit with his family. He is a student at the Northwestern University at Evanston Ill.

Mrs. J. McDaniel, en route to Manila where she will join her son and continue around the world via the Dollar Liners.

YU SHUN RELOADED.

As indicated in yesterday's China Mail, the China Merchants S.N. Company's s.s. Yu Shun, which went aground to the west of Castle Peak early on Sunday morning, was successfully reloaded in the forenoon yesterday.

She was not damaged and it is understood that she will proceed to Shanghai, as soon as her 600 tons of cargo, which was transferred to a lighter to lighten the ship for re-floating, is re-loaded.

WARSHIPS IN PORT.

The following British warships were in harbour to-day:—
Bridgewater—South wall.
Bruce—No. 7 buoy.
Cumberland—West wall.
Herald—North wall.
Iroquois—North wall.
Marazion—No. 12 buoy.
Medway—No. 2 buoy.
Moth—In dock.
Osiris—East wall.
Oswald—East wall.
Petersfield—North wall.
Sepoy—No. 10 buoy (on return).
Seraph—In dock.
Scrapis—In dock.
Sirdar—No. 11 buoy.
Suffolk—North arm.
Thracian—No. 6 buoy.
Foreign Men-of-War.
Hai Fu—Chinese gunboat.
Helena—American gunboat.
Mindanao—American gunboat.
Uji—Japanese gunboat.

tons, Capt. John Griffith, from Shanghai, Kowloon Wharf.—Dollar S.S. Line.
Seattle Maru, Japanese str., 3,622 tons, Capt. T. Urayama, from Singapore, Kowloon Wharf.—O.S.K.
Somali, British str., 3,550 tons, Captain T. H. Kemp, from Shanghai, buoy No. A6.—M. M. & Co.
Tai Lee, Chinese str., 1,044 tons, Capt. Z. Masaki, from Canton, buoy No. B18.—Loong Tai Hong.
Taliyan, British str., 2,100 tons, Captain R. Robertson, from Amoy, buoy No. B15.—B. & S.
Taima, British str., 10,000 tons, Capt. G. J. Harley, from Calcutta, Kowloon Wharf.—M. M. & Co.
Taybank, British m.v., 3,437 tons, Captain J. Stewart, from San Francisco via Manila, Kowloon Wharf.—Bank Line.
Teufelme, Norwegian str., 3,501 tons, Capt. Brun, from Manila, buoy No. A5.—Thoresen & Co.

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Empress of Asia	Apr. 10	Apr. 13	Apr. 16	Apr. 18	Apr. 27
Empress of Canada	Apr. 25	Apr. 28	Apr. 30	May 2	May 11
Empress of Russia	May 8	May 11	May 14	May 16	May 25
Empress of Japan	May 23	May 26	May 28	May 30	June 10
Empress of Asia	June 6	June 8	June 11	June 13	June 22
Empress of Canada	June 20	June 23	June 25	June 27	July 6
Empress of Russia	July 3	July 6	July 9	July 11	July 20
Empress of Japan	July 18	July 21	July 23	July 25	Aug. 5
Empress of Asia	July 31	Aug. 3	Aug. 6	Aug. 8	Aug. 17
Empress of Canada	Aug. 15	Aug. 18	Aug. 20	Aug. 22	Aug. 30
Empress of Russia	Aug. 28	Aug. 31	Sept. 3	Sept. 5	Sept. 14
Empress of Japan	Sept. 12	Sept. 15	Sept. 17	Sept. 19	Sept. 27
Empress of Asia	Sept. 25	Sept. 28	Oct. 1	Oct. 3	Oct. 12
Empress of Canada	Oct. 10	Oct. 13	Oct. 15	Oct. 17	Oct. 25

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U.S.A., Canada, Japan & Shanghai (Seattle, March 7)

President Taft

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Swatow

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RAWALPINDI	16,610	28th Mar.	Marseilles & London.
*KASHMIR	9,716	8th Apr.	Straits, Colombo & Bombay.
*KARMALA	9,128	11th Apr.	Mars., L'don, Hull, R'dam & A'werp.
*RAJPUTANA	16,558	25th Apr.	Marseilles & London.
*SOUDAN	—	2nd May	Marseilles, London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
*KALYAN	9,144	9th May	Mars., L'don, Hull, R'dam & A'werp.
*COMORIN	15,132	23rd May	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
*BURDWAN	—	30th May	Marseilles, London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
*KASHMIR	8,986	6th June	Mars., L'don, Hull, R'dam & A'werp.
RANPURA	16,601	20th June	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
*KASHGAR	9,005	4th July	M'selles, L'don, R'dam & A'werp.
RAWALPINDI	16,610	18th July	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
*KHYBER	9,114	1st Aug.	M'selles, L'don, R'dam & A'werp.
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RAJPUTANA	16,558	15th Aug.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
*KARMALA	9,128	29th Aug.	Mars., L'don, Hull, R'dam & A'werp.
*CATHAY	15,121	12th Sept.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
*SOUDAN	—	19th Sept.	Marseilles, London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
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TAKADA	6,949	3rd May	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
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SAILINGS TO SHANGHAI & JAPAN.

TALMA	10,000	25th Mar.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Y'hama.
RAJPUTANA	16,558	27th Mar.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
*KIDDERPORE	5,334	31st Mar.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
NELLORE	6,953	6th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Y'hama.
KALYAN	9,144	10th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
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FRENCH TONNAGE.

DEPRESSION AT SHIPYARDS.

Deputy Grafen Candace, who had
been for years the "rapporteur" for
the Estimates of the Merchant
Marine in the Chamber of Deputies,
was again entrusted with the drawing
up of the annual report for the
year 1931-32, and as usual he has
issued an authoritative review con-
taining most interesting and up-to-
date information as regards the
present situation of the shipping
trade in France, and the position of
shipyards, states the Paris corres-
pondent of the Journal of Com-
merce.

M. Candace first reports that on
June 30, 1930, the French merchant
tonnage aggregated 3,530,879 tons
gross, as compared with 2,500,00
tons in 1914, 3,800,000 tons in 1920,
and 2,378,000 tons in 1929. France
ranks sixth among maritime na-
tions for the total merchant ton-
nage owned.

Considering the average age of
vessels it is noteworthy that there
was a slight improvement on the
1929 figures (9 per cent. of vessels
under five years old, and 36 per
cent. of vessels from 5 to 10 years
old) in the past year (12 per cent.
of vessels less than 5 years, and 26
per cent. of vessels from 5 to 10
years). M. Candace also points
out that as regards the number of
cargo vessels between 6,000 and
8,000 tons France comes only
eighth with 67 ships, and drops to
tenth place, judged by the tonnage
of motorships on service.

Under Construction.

In addition to a total of 150,000
tons acquired during 1930, consider-
able tonnage is under construction
to the account of French ship-
owners, including over 50,000 tons
of ships building at foreign yards.
This fact affords evidence of the
depression of the home shipbuilding
industry, and this question is dealt
with in a very expressive
manner by M. Candace, who
states that the 16 French
shipyards, which have an
output capacity of about 400,000
tons a year, are turning out at pre-
sent only about 100,000 tons.

Stress is laid on the various reasons
for which prices in French
yards are higher than abroad,
especially in Great Britain. M.
Candace comes to the conclusion
that establishment charges alone
are about three times higher in
France than in Great Britain for
building a cargo vessel. He is of
opinion that the Government should
afford assistance to the French
shipbuilding industry to make good
the persistent difference between
French cost prices and foreign sale
prices.

A paragraph of special interest
in the report is that relating to the
projected establishment of free
maritime zones in France, as first
proposed by M. Candace in 1928.
It is noteworthy that this proposal
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tonnage in the register book, of
which the 1931 edition is now
issued, amounts to just over 5 1/2
million tons.

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usual information regarding classed
ships.

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vessels that hold or have held free-
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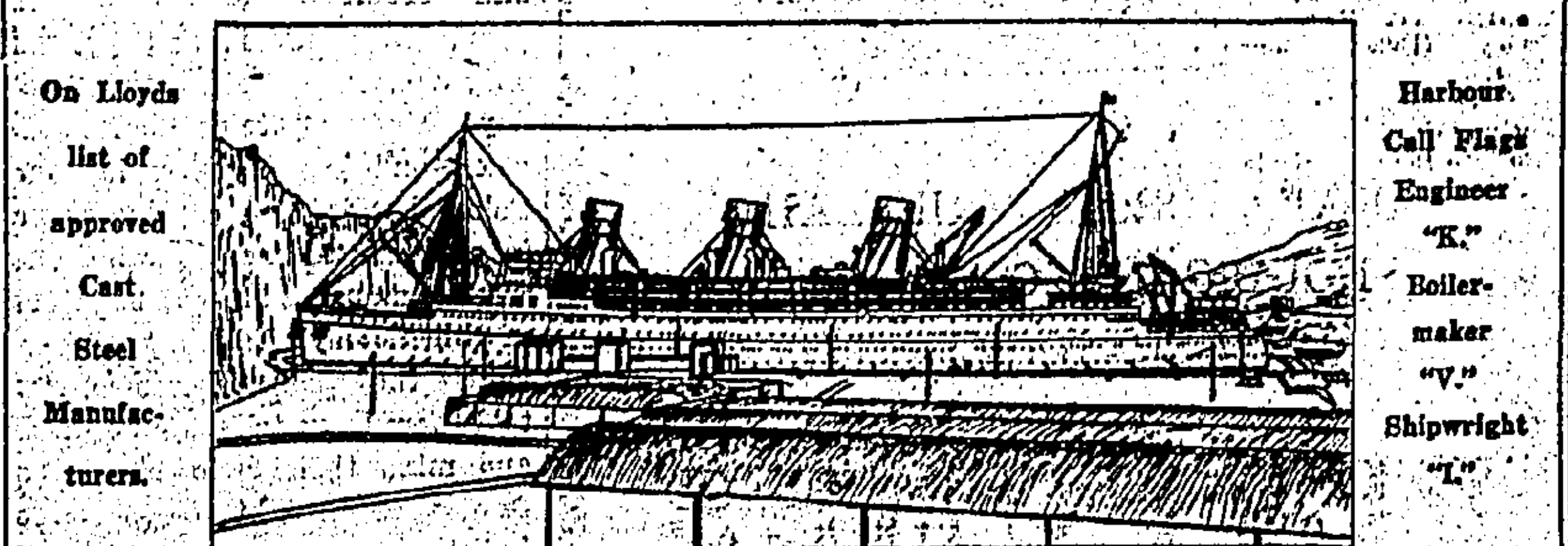
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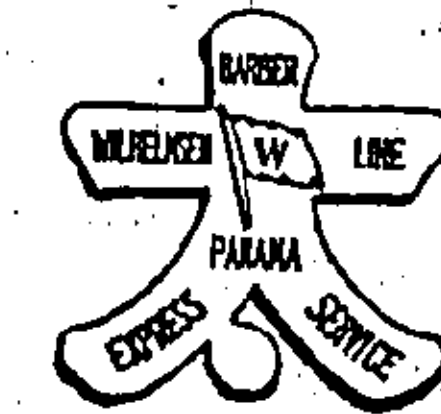
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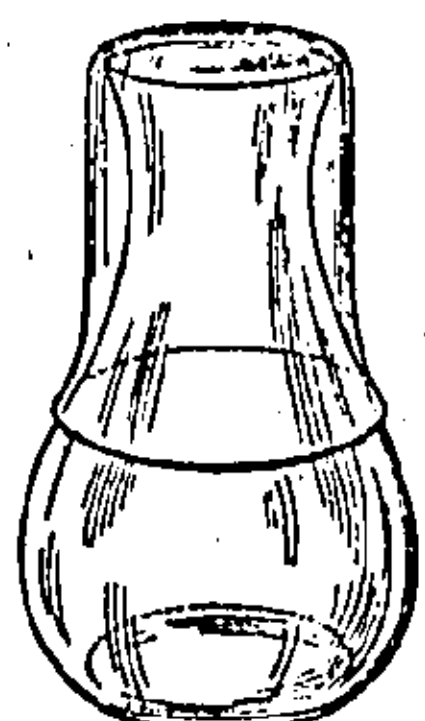
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BIRTHS.

RASMUSSEN.—On March 24, 1931, at Victoria Hospital, Hong Kong, to Mr. and Mrs. V. A. J. J. Rasmussen, a son.

WOODWARD.—At Birmingham, on Monday, March 23, 1931, to Mr. and Mrs. W. Woodward, a daughter.

Hong Kong, Tuesday, March 24, 1931.

"MOST DESPICABLE"

It was apparently inevitable that the ceremony of laying the foundation stone of the new Po Leung Kuk building yesterday should have afforded His Excellency the Governor with an opportunity of referring to that handy annual—the mui-tsai system. Certain irresponsible meddlers and busybodies would have the folk in Britain believe that the state of slavery generated by the mui-tsai system exceeds in its horrors and cruelties anything ever penned in "Uncle Tom's Cabin" of long ago or in the Liberia of today. Unfortunately Lord Passfield and his advisers in the Colonial Office are only too prone to give ear to these mischievous rumour-mongers and calumniators of this Colony's fair name—fearful, if they politely or impolitely told them to go to Halifax or Hull and mind their own business, a few votes might be lost to Labour at the next General Election. Even a narrow section of the Conservatives has been infected with the interference itch. On March 12, Mr. Edward Taswell Campbell, Conservative M.P. for Bromley, Kent (and the rejected of S. W. Crampton in 1929) impudently asked in the House of Commons why the Orders contained in the Secre-

tary of State's despatch on August 22, 1929, instructing that steps should be taken forthwith to establish machinery for the inspection, control and remuneration of mui tsai in Hong Kong had not been carried out. Mr. Edward Taswell Campbell, once a tobacco planter and then a taipan of a firm in Java (where, to be sure, ideal conditions for women and girls exist!), was promptly put in his place by Dr. Drummond Shiels, the Government spokesman. He was told quite bluntly, if too politely, that he was "mistaken in thinking that the instructions were not carried out." A direct snub for Mr. Edward Taswell Campbell, who would be well advised to make sure of his ground next time before asking silly questions on matters affecting the administration of Hong Kong.

Sir William Peel has not been long in this Colony, but undoubtedly he could quote chapter and verse for his statement that a great deal of the criticism of the mui-tsai system is unjustified and without foundation. His Excellency neatly turned the tables on the meddlers and busybodies when he added that "cases of cruelty to children occur from time to time cannot be denied, but cruelty to children is not inherent in the mui-tsai system, nor is it confined to mui-tsai or even adopted children, and it is not peculiar to the East. It is, however, a most despicable crime, and every effort is being made to bring offenders to justice." As a special constable in 1921 and a member of Scotland Yard Headquarters Staff of the Metropolitan Special Constabulary, let Mr. Edward Taswell Campbell confine his activities in regard to the welfare of women and girls to the congenial sphere in which he found himself after his long sojourn in Java. If there were no such thing as cruelty or ill-treatment of girls in London there would be no need for the Societies there for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children or for Dr. Barnardo's Homes. Hong Kong can look after its own child welfare problems without interlopers seeking notoriety in the House of Commons—or outside it—by trying to put Hong Kong in its place according to their narrow and petty lights!

News in Brief.

A fruit dealer of Canton, Li Hing, has reported to the Police that during January his agent was sent to Hong Kong to collect sums of money from various shops. He is alleged to have collected \$2,200 and failed to return to Canton.

The lowest open air temperature yesterday was 61 degrees. The humidity was 77 at 10 a.m. and 66 at 4 p.m.

Messrs Lammert Brothers will auction some household furniture at 4 Wing Lok Building, top floor, on Saturday morning. An advertisement appears in this issue.

Chan Ping, an unemployed Chinese, who was charged in the Kowloon Police Court this morning with the theft of a wooden post from the Tsai Tam Kee match at Hungtom, was sent to jail for one month, after admitting a previous conviction.

RADIO - TELEPHONE TO JAPAN.

Tests Inaugurated From Rugby Station.

WAVE LENGTH PROBLEM.

London, Yesterday. Radio telephone tests between Britain and Japan were inaugurated from Rugby Wireless Station yesterday. The tests will take a considerable time as the most suitable wave lengths must be decided and a number of other very technical matters be considered.—Reuter.

MR. C. MAKEHAM.

TRIBUTE FROM SAILORS' AND SOLDIERS' HOME.

WORK FOR SERVICE MEN.

In connection with the death of Mr. Charles Makeham reported in yesterday's issue of this paper, we have been requested to publish the following copy of a letter sent to Mr. and Mrs. Makeham last October on the eve of their departure from Hong Kong, as it emphasises the very noble service rendered by both Mr. and Mrs. Makeham toward Service men in Hong Kong:—

13, Ventris Road, Hong Kong.

October 16, 1930.

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Makeham, I am instructed by my Committee to convey to you both the following resolution which was carried unanimously at the last monthly meeting of the Sailors' & Soldiers' Home Committee held on Wednesday, October 15:—

"On the departure from the Colony of Mr. and Mrs. Makeham the Committee of the Sailors' & Soldiers' Home, Hong Kong, desires to communicate to them and to place on record its deep appreciation of the services they have rendered to the Home throughout many years. In addition to their unfailing support of all that has concerned the interests of the Home, they have rendered unique and priceless service to Service men by the generous way in which they have entertained them on many occasions in their home and garden at Pokfulam.

We feel sure that many Service men now scattered all over the world remember them with affection and gratitude, and would join with us in wishing them all joy and prosperity in their retirement." With all good wishes, Yours sincerely, (Sd.) J. H. Gelling. Hon. Secretary, Sailors' & Soldiers' Home Committee.

KITCHEN BLOWN UP.

DYNAMITE CAUSES EXPLOSION AT MA SHUN HU.

Damage to the wall of a kitchen and to cooking utensils was caused at about 11.30 o'clock last night when a stick of dynamite blew up. Lo Tam, a carpenter residing in an unnumbered house at Ma Shun Hu, behind which the explosion occurred, in a report to the Police stated that he suspects a certain person who is now in custody.

WHEAT PRICES.

LOWEST IN CHICAGO SINCE 1895

Chicago, Yesterday. Wheat sagged to the lowest point since 1895 yesterday, following the Farm Board's announcement. The declines ranged from three to eleven cents a bushel, the closing price being 59 1/2 cents.—Reuter's American Service.

The two workmen were having a chat over a glass of beer each, when one happened to notice a bill in the window of a house opposite.

"There's a poster over there," said he, "about a 'Sale o' Work'—wots-it-mean?" "Oh, well, said his mate, "I guess it ain't for us—we ain't so keen on work that we want to go where they're sellin' it!"

PO LEUNG KUK'S WORK.

Start Made on the New Home.

GOVERNOR AND MUI TSAIS.

The foundation stone of the new Po Leung Kuk building in Leighton Hill Road was laid by H. E. the Governor yesterday, before a large and representative gathering.

Fifty Years' History.

The Chairman, Mr. Tam Wun-tong, addressing the gathering, said that the Po Leung Kuk was founded in 1878 by Mr. Lo Kang-yeung and others. It was maintained by subscription, and two wards of the Tung Wah Hospital borrowed temporarily for office use. In 1891 \$30,000 was raised by subscription, and the Tung Wah Hospital contributed a piece of land. A subsidy of \$20,000 was also obtained from the Government, and the building completed in 1896. Questions of sanitation had determined the directors to erect a new building. The Government granted a site of 80,000 square feet, and through the generosity of various benefactors, \$140,000 was raised in subscriptions. Of that sum, \$100,000 was to be spent on the new building. It was hoped that further subscriptions would be forthcoming in order to meet the upkeep of the institution after it had been built.

Governor's Speech.

His Excellency said in part: Criticisms have been levelled in various quarters at the existing mui-tsai system in this Colony. Some of the criticism is, perhaps, well-founded, but a great deal of it is unjustified and without foundation.

At the same time there are defects in the system, and Government decided that it should gradually be eliminated. Registration was insisted upon and also notification of any movements of the girls. No more mui-tsais are allowed to come into the Colony, so that, in due course, they will gradually cease to exist.

A cadet officer of the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs devotes considerable time to questions connected with the mui-tsai, and I would ask for the further co-operation of individuals and bodies whose help I gratefully acknowledge in bringing to notice any breaches of the law.

That cases of cruelty to children occur from time to time cannot be denied, but cruelty to children is not inherent in the mui-tsai system, nor is it confined to mui-tsai or even adopted children, and it is, however, a most despicable crime, and every effort is being made to bring offenders to justice.

His Excellency declared the foundation stone to be well and truly laid, after which he was presented with a silver trowel.

SHOT QUARREL.

YOUNG WIFE ALLEGED TO HAVE KILLED HER HUSBAND.

Nice, Mar. 12. An American, Mrs. Fred Nixon Nirdinger, aged 26, is alleged to have shot and killed her 54-year-old husband, a director of the Philadelphia Theatre, during a quarrel in their flat. Mrs. Nirdinger declared that she acted in self-defence.—Reuter Wireless.

HANGED IN EMBASSY.

Discovery Following Bomb Explosion.

Havana, Mar. 10. A bomb explosion in the Spanish embassy and the discovery of a man's body dangling from a rope in one of the embassy doorways are the elements of a mystery which the police here are trying to solve.

Officials of the embassy were alarmed this morning by the sound of an explosion at the building. They rushed to the spot and found a man dangling from the end of a rope fixed to a hook in the lintel of the doorway.

It was, apparently, a case of suicide, but the man has not yet been identified and it is not known whether he had any connection with the explosion.

The bomb did no appreciable damage. Earlier in the day a collection of firearms were found at the home of a former officer, who had been arrested, and it is thought that there may be some connection between the arrest and the events at the embassy.—Reuter Wireless.

First Comedian: "Did you go a hit with your new speciality?" Second Comedian: "Did I? Why, the audience gazed in open-mouthed wonder before I was half through!" First Comedian: "Wonderful! Very wonderful! It is seldom that an entire audience yawns at once."

HISTORIC LETTERS TO BE SOLD.

A High Court Decision.

PASTON FAMILY.

Mr. Justice Maugham, in the Chancery Division, gave permission for the Paston letters, a valuable and historic collection of fifteenth-century documents, to be offered for sale by auction.

"I want the sum to be a substantial one," he said. The sanction of the court was sought by Mr. Ernest George Pretyman, who was the plaintiff in a summons to determine whether, under the will of Colonel George Tomline, the series of letters known as the Paston letters were heirlooms.

Among the respondents to the summons was the Earl of Bradford, one of the trustees.

Mr. C. V. Rawlence, for Mr. Pretyman, said that Colonel Tomline, by his will, bequeathed "all the pictures, prints, statues, sculptures, articles of virtue, books, furniture, and plate in my mansion houses at Orwell Park and Rilly Grove" to his trustees as heirlooms. Included in the chattels of Orwell Park were 155 of the original manuscript letters of the series known as the Paston letters.

These were described as:—A valuable collection of letters and papers consisting of the correspondence of members of the Paston family and others connected with them between the years 1422 and 1509, and also including some State papers and other important documents.

The bulk of the remainder of the letters were now in the British Museum.

Sir John Fenn, the owner of the letters in the latter part of the eighteenth century, mounted or inlaid them in stout sheets of paper, and had them bound in three volumes.

Mr. Justice Maugham made a declaration that the volumes and manuscripts passed as heirlooms.

Mr. Rawlence asked for the court's sanction for the sale of the letters.

Mr. Justice Maugham: "The question of whether it is wise to sell, that depends on what you are going to get. I cannot help thinking that this is a bad year to sell."

Mr. Rawlence: That is a question of fixing a sufficiently high reserve. He wrote down on a piece of paper a rough estimate of the value of the letters, and Mr. Justice Maugham then sanctioned the sale, on the condition the reserve was not lower than the figure given.

CRISIS IN FRANCE.

GROUP OF BANKS SUSPENDS PAYMENT.

Paris, Mar. 12. The French political horizon is again clouded. The suspension of payment by the group of banks financing the Aero Postale Company, has given rise to a series of problems which the Government must tackle.

"The chief question is the position of the Minister of Finance, M. Flaudin, a barrister and business man, who is president of the French Aero Club and who, before he took office, was advisory counsel to the Aero Postale Company, which has always received a Government subsidy.

It is rumoured that the Socialists are planning to submit a resolution that M. Flaudin be sent before a commission of inquiry. It is also reported that M. Flaudin, at the last Cabinet meeting, refused to resign. The general opinion, however, is that there will be general reluctance while it is engaged in the difficult task of steering the Budget through the Chamber.

Yet another bank is reported to be in difficulties this morning. The Echo de Paris correspondent at Nantes states that the Banque des Pays Ouest has suspended payment and an inquiry into its affairs is being opened. The bank has opened branches in many towns of the Vendee Department in the past few years.—Reuter Wireless

Ten Years Ago.

[From the "China Mail" of March 24, 1921.]

To-day's dollar is worth 2/4%.

The Court of the University of Hong Kong has offered the honorary degree of doctor of law to Dr. G. P. Jordan, who has accepted. It is proposed to hold a special congregation on April 7 to confer this degree and at the same time install the new Vice-Chancellor, Sir William Brunsate, K.C.M.G., who arrives here by the Soudan on Tuesday. His first official function will be to present Dr. Jordan for the degree.

ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE
PRIZE-GIVING.Director on the Junior
Examination.

LIST OF SUCCESSFUL PUPILS.

The annual prize day of St. Joseph's College took place in the College Hall, Kennedy Road, yesterday afternoon, in the presence of a large gathering which included Bishop H. Valtorta, the Consul General for France, the Rev. Fr. G. Byrne, S.J., the Rev. Fr. Gallagher, S.J., and the Rev. Sr. Beatrice.

The prizes were distributed by Mr. G. P. de Martin, Director of Education. Before the ceremony, the students presented an enjoyable programme of instrumental and vocal items, also the Trial Scene from Shakespeare's "Merchant of Venice".

Mr. de Martin at the close of a very long address said:—
The Rev. Bro. Almar, Director of the College, said:—

Mr. de Martin, you have attended our College functions many times since 1912 which is, I believe, the first year that you inspected our classes. This year, as Director of Education, you have kindly consented to present prizes and diplomas to those of our pupils who have won them by their industry during the past year. I have much pleasure in bidding you a cordial welcome on behalf of the staff and pupils.

We miss Mr. Ralphs to-day. His reports on our work were always helpful and his visits encouraging. We beg to extend to him the expression of our grateful remembrance and our best wishes for many happy years in the homeland.

His Excellency the Governor honoured the College by a visit on September 19. His Excellency's



"Dad, I learnt to-day that we descended from monkeys."
"That may be the case with you, my son, but it ain't with me."
Aussie, Sydney.

entry in the school log book is as follows:—"I visited the College and was much impressed by its buildings, accommodation and particularly by the pupils. They are a healthy and intelligent band of boys and the College is to be congratulated on its successful work." We are grateful to His Excellency for his encouraging words.

Inspector's Report.

The average daily attendance in 1930 was 738. Mr. Sutherland, Inspector of English Schools, spent three days in inspecting our classes. He wrote in his report: "I visited each class, where I inspected all written work, heard reading, and asked questions on most of their school subjects. All written work was good and carefully corrected. Reading was good throughout the school. I read personally pieces of unseen dictation in Classes 1 and 2. The results were very satisfactory. Colloquial was good in the Portuguese section and only fair in the Chinese section. Daily and easy unseen Dictation Tests and easy English dialogues might improve their English. I was pleased to see that full use is made of maps and atlases. The equipment is excellent and the school is very efficient."

We presented 31 candidates for the Matriculation or Senior Local Examination. 19 passed the Matriculation. 8 of whom are Portuguese, 8 Chinese and 3 of other nationalities. They won 22 distinctions, 3 in English, 13 in mathematical subjects, 3 in Physics and Chemistry. 6 of the candidates passed with honours. They were Peter Tran Ba Tu, Francis Lim, Lucien Tion, Ralph Poon, Jorge Remedios, Germano Ribeiro.

Lucien Tion was awarded the Sir Paul Chater Memorial Scholarship. Peter Tran Ba Tu and Francis Lim obtained First and Second Places respectively in the order of merit for the award of the Government Educational Scholarships.

Nine of the successful candi-

dates are now undergraduates in the University. We wish them all success in their studies.

97 candidates were presented for the Junior Local Examination. 39 passed and won 37 distinctions, chiefly in mathematics and Scripture; there were also 3 in Science and Ho Shiu-lai was the only candidate who passed with distinction in Chinese in the local examinations.

Five Years' Record.

During the past five years, 1926-1930, 171 of our boys have entered for the Matriculation or Senior Local examinations; 101 passed, 27 with Honours. During the same period, out of 394 presented for the Junior Local, only 165 passed which is 42 per cent. These figures show that a satisfactory proportion of those who passed in the Junior were also successful in the Matriculation.

The standard of the Junior having been raised in recent years, there is now a considerable gap between Class 3 and the Junior Class. To secure better results the studies in Class 4 and 3 will have to be more thorough in the fundamental subjects and the promotions more strict. This latter measure is invariably distasteful to boys and sometimes objected to by the parents. But I would ask them to bear in mind that the course of studies extends over a period of only eight years. During the past five years out of every 100 boys promoted from Class 4 to Class 3, 65 passed class 3, 42 Class 2 and 25 Class 1. Thus 75 per cent. either lag behind or leave school before having completed their secondary course. In our opinion the Junior Local is a good preliminary test and it would be in error to abolish it. The pupils need an incentive and a goal to aim at, and examinations are a wholesome stimulus for everybody—parents, teachers and boys.

Physical Training.

Every effort is made for the physical training of our pupils. Each class gets its turn for drill—and all the pupils, even the youngest, show by their attention and keenness that they appreciate it. In the matter of games we are handicapped by the size of the playground. In this connection we are deeply indebted to the Military authorities for the use of the Murray Parade Ground.

The College was visited in June and December by the Medical Officers for Schools and in their report they state that the premises are as usual clean and in good order.

The Junior School in Chatham Road, Kowloon, had an average attendance of 155. The Inspector of Schools reported it as efficient.

On November 5 His Excellency the Governor laid the foundation stone of La Salle College. The work of levelling and construction has proceeded apace since that date and the contractor is confident that the buildings will be ready for occupation by the end of this year. I beg leave to say, a thing you already know, that our funds for the completion of the undertaking are running low. The furniture and equipment of Class rooms, Assembly Hall, and Laboratories will amount to a considerable sum. We would like these to be in keeping with the up-to-date building which is being erected and we therefore beg to appeal to the public and the old boys for contributions towards our funds. I shall knock at your doors on behalf of the best of all causes—the cause of the education of the hundreds of children who will frequent La Salle College.

Thanks to Donors.

Before concluding I must express heartfelt thanks to Mr. Li Ping for his generous donation towards the La Salle College building fund; to Monsieur Dufau de la Prade who this year obtained from the Governor General of Indo-China a beautiful prize, and to the Consul General himself who has presented four prizes. French is taught in the Higher classes during the hours allotted to Chinese and Portuguese, to those boys who for various reasons are not taking those languages. I beg to express to each and all the donors of prizes and scholarships my most sincere thanks. On behalf of the 30 beneficiaries of the Woo Hay-tong Scholarships, the 40 of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul and several of the Hong Kong Benevolent Society, I wish to express their gratitude as well as ours. It is pleasing to record that for those boys and a score of others on our free list, inability to pay fees is not a barrier to their education.

It now remains for me to thank Rev. Fr. Riganti who is responsible for the musical items in the programme. I thank you Mr. de Martin for giving away the prizes. His Excellency, Bishop Valtorta for his patronage, and the ladies and gentlemen for their presence at this function.

There are no perfect schools, not even St. Joseph's College, but we have, learned by experience, that there are quite possible positions in the scale between the "State of

Denmark" and the paradise of the theorist.

High up in this scale gleams the torch of St. Joseph's College. The College is an asset to the Colony just as its old boys are salutary elements in this community, and in any other to which they may belong. I have to thank you, Brother Almar, for the privilege you have conferred on me to-day. It has been a great joy to leave my desk and come again among these bright children and promising young men. The renewed consciousness that I am associated with you and your devoted staff and your colleagues in other schools in the work you are doing for these young people gives the desk a meaning and makes it worth while.

PRIZE WINNERS.

The following were the successful students:—

Matriculation.
Honours List:—Peter Tu (Dist. in English, Mathematics, French, Physics, Chemistry & Mechanics); Lucien Tion (Dist. in English, Dutch & Physics); Francis Lim (Dist. in English, Higher Mathematics & Mechanics); Ralph Poon (Dist. in Mathematics); Jorge Remedios (Dist. in Mathematics); and Germano Ribeiro (Dist. in Mathematics).

Port List.—Hugh Asome (Dist. in Higher Mathematics); George Lenz (Dist. in Mathematics & Mechanics); Leung Lun-kwan (Dist. in Mathematics); Thomas Leung Wing-hong (Dist. in Mathematics); Francisco Rozario (Dist. in Mathematics); Carlos Xavier (Dist. in History); Gregorio Castro; Go Tiang-hin; Jose A. Gutierrez; Leo Leung Wing-hong; Luis F. Ribeiro; Alberto C. N. da Silva; and W. Kong. **Junior Pass List.**—A. R. Abbas (Dist. in Arithmetic & Mathematics); A. Castro (Dist. in Biblical Knowledge); Chan Kin-cheung (Dist. in Mathematics); Chin Meng Lilabhan (Dist. in French); Chow Dick-cheung (Dist. in Mathematics & Mechanics); G. A. Goudard (Dist. in Arithmetic); G. Edward (Dist. in Arithmetic); Ho Shiu-lai (Dist. in Arithmetic, Chinese, Chemistry, Mathematics & Mechanics); Khoo Yen-hee (Dist. in Mathematics); Lan Wing-kwong (Dist. in Mathematics & Mechanics); Leung Chee-min (Dist. in Mathematics & Mechanics); Ma Wing-fat (Dist. in Arithmetic); Meng Hong (Dist. in Arithmetic, Mathematics & Mechanics); Ngo Cheng-hai (Dist. in Mathematics & Mechanics); R. M. V. Ribeiro (Dist. in Biblical Knowledge); A. D. Williams (Dist. in Arithmetic); C. R. Wing Lee (Dist. in Arithmetic, Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics, Mechanics & Biblical Knowledge); Wong Hok-tsang (Dist. in Biblical Knowledge); Wong Sul-in (Dist. in Mathematics, Physics & Mechanics); R. A. Khan; E. Alvarado; G. M. Britto; S. Chan Look; Chin King-yung; I. G. Johnson; Kam Chan-man; Lee Pak-lui; Li Yuk-im; L. O'Sullivan; Pak Mau-fun; H. A. de Barros; Poon Char-on; A. L. N. da Silva; J. A. Silva; R. M. da Silva; Sim Penkai; A. M. Souza; Wong Shun-wing; and Chu Hok-yuen. **Class Prizes.**

Matriculation Class.—1. Religious Knowledge, Francisco Rozario (H.E. the Bishop's Prize); 2. English Language, Peter Tu (Woo Hay-tong Scholarship); 3. English Essay, Francis Lim (Senior Bellios Scholarship); 4. English Literature, Lucien Tion (Dr. P. Bunle's Prize); 5. Mathematics, Peter Tu and George Lenz (Bro. Joseph Memorial Scholarship); 6. Physics & Chemistry, Peter Tu and Lucien Tion (Sir Paul Chater Memorial Scholarship); 7. French, Hugh Asome (Prize presented by H.E. the Governor); 8. Geography, Alfred Pereira; History & Geography, Alfred Pereira; History & Geography, Alfred Pereira; and John O'Sullivan; Physics & Chemistry, Cecil Wing Lee (Simon Tse Yan Scholarship) and Ho Shiu-lai; Religious Knowledge, Leung Chee-min and Alfredo Castro; Mathematics, Ho Shiu-lai and Cecil Wing Lee; Mechanics, Cecil Wing Lee; Meng Hong and Chow Dick-cheung; Drawing, Chin Meng Lilabhan and Ma Wing-fat.

Class A.—1. T. Jeffery (Lugard Scholarship); 2. F. Barndtzen; G. Abraham; 4. Leandro Rozo; Portuguese Knowledge, Leandro Rozo; French, F. Barndtzen. **Class 3B.**—1. Carlos Agon; 2. William Lee; 3. Fung; 4. Tien Tse-yung; Religious Knowledge, Carlos Agon; Portuguese, Damaso d'Aquino; French, William Lee. **Class 3C.**—1. Mok Kai-lim; 2. Chan Yai-lai; 3. K. Fassenbuddin; 4. Mok Kai-yi; Religious Knowledge, Li Fook-shiu. **Class 3D.**—1. Yuen Ho-yuen; 2. Bernard Chan; 3. Fong Man-lit; 4. Wong Siow-kong; Religious Knowledge, Bernard Chan. **Class 4A.**—1. Lioz Rodriguez; 2. Frank Elert; 3. Simon Chai; August Chan; Religious Knowledge, Anthony Mattos; Portuguese, Leo Alves. **Class 4B.**—1. Wing Cheun; 2. David Domes; 3. Li Kuen; 4. K. Yau-shing; Religious Knowledge, Joseph Franco; Portuguese, D. Demes. **Class 4C.**—1. Paul Lou; 2. Ho Hung-chiu; 3. Yek Chong-cheung; 4. Hung Shueung-chi; Religious Knowledge, Joseph Chan. **Class 5A.**—1. Paul Faveul; 2. Peter Kwan; 3. Kenny Carroll; 4. Tommy Vas; 5. Jose Souza. **Class 5B.**—1. Henry Woo; 2. Wong Shu-hang; 3. So Wai-tong; 4. Kwok Shu-wai; 5. Kar-hong. **Class 5C.**—1. Lutz Shing-ak; 2. Leung Kai-cheung; 3. J. W. Wang; 4. Yung Ching-yung. **Class 6A.**—1. Joe Pong; 2. T. Baba; 3. T. Tai Chuen; 4. Douglas Taylor; 5. Joseph Mien. **Class 6B.**—1. Yung Kwok-hong; 2. Yung Jue-yung; 3. Yung Kwok-

chiu; 4. Tsi Tak-hoi; 5. Chan Shu-wing. **Class 6C.**—1. Poon Hing-hong; 2. Yip Yuk-wong; 3. Yip Kai-lun. **Class 7A.**—1. T. Koromiy; 2. F. Ah Tung; 3. Francis Poon; 4. Leslie Castro; 5. F. Souza. **Class 7B.**—1. Chow Shun-cheung; 2. Chua Shu-ho; 3. Poon Wing-cheung; 4. Li Chan-kwong; 5. Chee Kai-tai. **Class 8A.**—1. A. Carmo; 2. A. Ozeio; 3. J. Botelho; 4. L. Kit Sun; 5. A. Carmo. **Class 8B.**—1. Wong Theng-shan; 2. Wong Tsang-yu; 3. Chow Chung-wah; 4. Choi Kwok-bing; 5. Cheng Kai-yuen. **St. Joseph's Junior School, Kowloon.** **Class 5.**—1. Roland Soares; 2. Alberto Ozeio; 3. George Rozario; 4. Cleora Rozario; 5. Luigi Remedios. **Portuguese.**—Alfonso Goncalves, Cleora Rozario and Jorge Rozario. **Class 6.**—1. Alfredo Agon; 2. Joaquin Agon; 3. Albert Tse; 4. Manolo Agon; 5. Raphael d'Almeida. **Portuguese.**—Antonio Botelho, Raphael d'Almeida and Jose Xavier. **Class 7.**—1. Armando Rozario; 2. Popino Ozeio; 3. Francis d'Aquino; 4. Guilherme d'Almeida; 5. Patrick Jorge. **Class 8.**—1. Louis Hildebrando; 2. Joseph Soares; 3. Antonio Silos; 4. Lia Hoang-chiu; 5. Ronald Castro.

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"MADAM SATAN."

Once you just got a semi-sensational story from Cecil B. De Mille. Now the noted producer-director gives us in "Madam Satan," which is at the Queen's Theatre, a plot reminiscent of his early divorcee series thrillers, plus eye-filling ballets, and a whole melange of charming songs composed by Herbert Stothart and Clifford Grey; Jack King and Elsie Janis.

Kay Johnson sings and plays magnificently the main role of "Madam Satan," the mysterious and beautiful guest at a masked ball aboard a Zeppelin, owned by Roland Young, the rather blundering friend of her husband, Reginald Denny. Denny, by the way, also sings to great advantage. He matches Kay's "Meet Madam" and "Live and Love To-day" with "All I Know Is You Are in My Arms" and "This Is Love."

Jeanie MacPherson's story is exceedingly well constructed, and Gladys Unger and Elsie Janis provide clever dialogue. Lorov Prinz of Earl Carroll's "Vanities" directed the dances.

"THE LOVE DOCTOR."

Bud Doodbridge, prominent young social scion, whose engagement was announced to Grace Tyler, is at his mother's estate recovering from a severe case of love, Dr. Gerald Sumner admitted.

It is rumoured that Grace has thrown Bud and is now madly in love with Dr. Sumner. Other sources say that Bud's beautiful nurse, Virginia Moore, is also in love with Dr. Sumner and that she really upset the canoe in which she and the doctor were riding, as a result of which they were both nearly drowned.

Dr. Sumner gained prominence through his announcement of the three essential rules for love and at that time was very emphatic in his statement that he would always remain single. If all the rumours are correct it looks as though the doctor will soon join the ranks of the married men.

All this is just a sketchy outline of the plot of "The Love Doctor," the Paramount all-talking feature in the Central Theatre, showing for the last time to-day, in which Richard Dix has the role of Dr. Sumner. "The Love Doctor" is taken from the stage play, "The Boomerang."

SHADOWS BEFORE

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED
IN CHINA MAIL.

Social Functions.

To-day—Tea Dance at Hong Kong Hotel.

To-night—Dinner Dances at Peninsula and Hong Kong Hotels and Hotel Cecil.

Entertainments.

To-day—Queen's Theatre: "Madame Satan."

To-day—Central Theatre: "The Love Doctor."

To-day—Majestic Theatre: "Sarah and Son."

To-day—Star Theatre: "Exquisite Sinner."

To-day—World Theatre: "Story of Movie Land" (Chinese picture).

Meetings.

Thursday—Hong Kong Fire Insurance Co., Jardine's Boardroom, noon.

March 30—Society of St. George, Jardine's Boardroom, 8.30 p.m.

March 30—Hong Kong Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd., 2, Queen's Building, noon.

March 31—Union Waterworks Co., Ltd., at Messrs. Dodwell's Office, 8 p.m.

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NOTIFICATION.

THE OFFICES AND STATIONS OF THE CHINESE MARITIME CUSTOMS for Kowloon and District will be CLOSED to Public Business on the 29th March and the 3rd April, 1931, being Customs Holidays.

J. W. STEPHENSON, Commissioner of Chinese Customs, Kowloon & District, York Building, Hong Kong, 23rd March, 1931.

CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL—
LENTEN MISSION.

The Annual Lenten Sermons will be preached by Rev. M. Saul, S.J., every evening at 6 o'clock from Wednesday, March 25, to Wednesday, April 1, inclusive.

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SHIP'S OFFICER ATTACKED.

Attacked with a hatchet on board the Kaitangata at 7.30 p.m. yesterday, Lam Chai (second officer) was removed to the Government Civil Hospital suffering from injuries to both legs.

The assailant is believed to have absconded.

Lammeris' Auction.

Friday—At 17, Humphreys Building, Kowloon, household furniture, 10.30 a.m.

Miscellaneous.

To-day—Lecture by Dr. Lj Shu-pai University, 6.15 p.m.

To-day—Lecture by Father G. Byrne, University, 8.30 p.m.

Wednesday—Lecture by Prof. L. Forster, Union Assembly Room, University 8.30 p.m.

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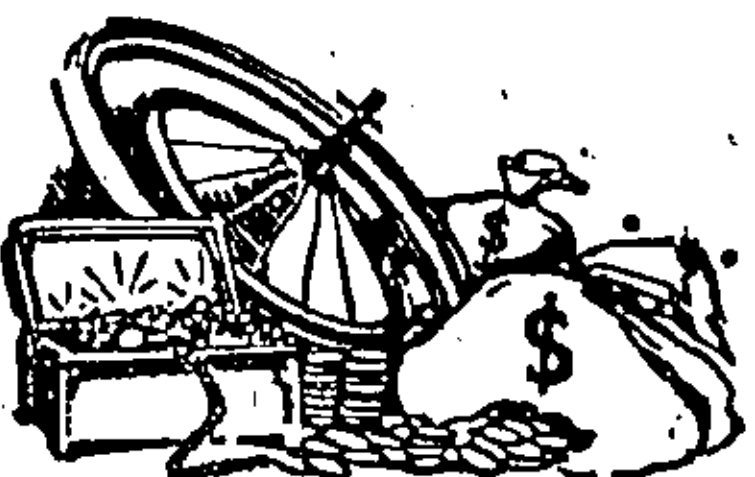
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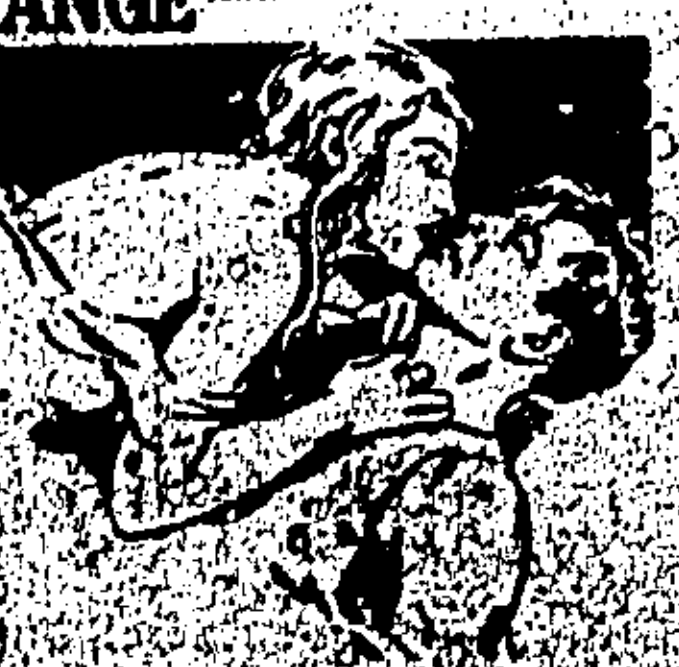
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NEXT CHANGE



Sport Columns

NAVAL DEFEAT BY ARMY.

Second Half Rally Unavailing.

LAST MINUTE THRILL.

[By "Scrum Half."] In the first match of the triangular Rugby football tournament at Sookunpoo yesterday, the Army defeated the Navy by four tries (12 points) to a goal and two tries (11 points).

What might have resulted in a really fine game between fifteens of equal standard was spoiled by over-eagerness and reckless kicking. One or two movements were outstanding, but, judging it on the whole, it was a game of individualism rather than good combination. The Army's first try was decidedly on the fortunate side as Lieut. Hamilton, receiving the ball in the Naval half, thought he would try a drop at goal, changed his mind, attempted a cross kick, and punted the ball straight for the posts. Lieut. Woods, the opposing full-back, though over the line, fumbled and allowed Hamilton to touch down. It was a bad mistake and cost the Navy the game, for this early score put new energy into the Army attack and they went over again as the result of loose play in the Naval twenty-five. Hamilton again scoring. Both his attempts at goal lacked height and distance and gave the impression that the ball was not as tight as it could have been.

Full-Back Weakness.

Woods was definitely off form, and the Army outsidest took every advantage of it, adopting the short punt ahead whenever opportunity afforded. From one of these kicks Woods again fumbled for Pte. Gilmore to go over for the third unconverted try. This Naval weakness at full-back looked as if it were going to be responsible for heavy scoring, but good tackling and spilling tactics held the Army for the remainder of the first half, the score then being nine points to nil.

The Army backs were much quicker on the ball than their opponents, though Hamilton spoiled many good movements by trying to cut inside instead of passing to either Lieut. Galletly or Lieut. Barlow. I liked the way Lance-Corporal Costello worked behind the scrum. It is true that he was behind the winning pack, but, nevertheless, his passes were beautifully timed and sent out in one movement. Sub-Lieut. Francis, on the other hand, wasted time seeking the position of his stand-off, and displayed no great understanding. Though fortunate to score twice, the Army were superior in all departments, Lance-Corporal Tratt being an admirable key to the attack. He hooked well for Costello to set the three-quarters in motion. Pte. Rees was not quite as aggressive as we have seen him, but he did not forget to loose the ball to his three-quarters.

Naval Improvement.

Commencing the second-half nine points in arrears the Navy showed signs of improvement at forward and as a result there were more three-quarter movements than were witnessed in the opening half. Surg-Lieut. Brosnan, with the support of seven forwards who were putting all they knew into the game, hooked more convincingly for Francis to open up the game to advantage. A scrum on the half-way line saw the Naval forwards gain possession for Mid. Roberts to effect a nice cut through and send E. A. Wilkinson over for a good try. It was the best individual effort of the game. The kick at goal unaccountably failed like its predecessors.

The Army took the ball from the kick-off into the Navy twenty-five and from loose play Lieut. Barlow received and by a series of felicitous forced his way over at a terrific pace. Maintaining their nine points lead the Army looked easy winners, though it must be mentioned that their forwards appeared to be cracking up under the strain of heavy pressure. The Navy took play into the Army half and from a good dribble by A.B. Deaken, Lieut. Glass received and went over near the touch. Roberts broke the spell hanging over the posts with a good kick to make the score 12-0 in favour of the Army.

Francis Gets Through.

Continuing onslaughts were launched on the Army line, but it was not until very late in the game that Francis added his opposite.

ENGLISH FOOTBALL LEAGUE.

West Bromwich Lose a Point.

LUTON SURPRISED.

Two matches in the English League were played yesterday. Oldham Athletic were at home to West Bromwich Albion and followed up their meritorious win over Bury on Saturday by forcing the Albion to a division of the points.

The keenness of the struggle to avoid relegation was evidenced by the display of Clapton-Orient who had struck a bad patch before Saturday when they drew with Northampton. Yesterday they visited Luton (who won at Walsall on Saturday) and bagged both points.

Results as cabled by Reuter:—

Division II.

Oldham 2 W. Bromwich 2
Division III.—South.
Luton 0 Clapton O. 1

REVISED TABLES.

Division II.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Everton	33	25	4	4	108	47	54
Tottenham	34	21	8	10	78	42	45
West Brom.	33	17	8	8	66	39	42
Port Vale	34	17	4	13	61	54	38
Preston N.E.	34	15	7	12	72	53	37
Bradford	34	15	9	10	81	52	36
Northampton	34	15	6	13	62	52	36
Wolves	33	18	0	15	69	57	36
Burnley	34	18	10	11	68	67	36
Bradford C.	34	15	6	13	55	57	36
Bury	34	15	3	16	63	68	33
Charlton	34	13	7	14	48	60	33
Oldham	34	14	4	16	67	70	32
Stoke	34	12	8	14	49	63	32
Swansea	34	11	7	16	47	60	29
Barnsley	34	10	9	15	47	61	29
Bristol C.	34	11	7	16	41	69	29
Notts For.	34	9	10	15	60	70	27
Plymouth	34	10	7	17	54	69	27
Reading	34	10	5	19	54	79	25
Cardiff	34	8	5	21	44	76	21

Division III.—South.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Notts Cnty.	34	22	7	5	85	30	51
Southern	34	19	4	11	69	50	42
Brentford	34	16	9	9	67	43	41
Crystal Pal.	33	16	5	12	84	59	37
Luton	35	15	7	13	54	46	37
Brighton	33	13	11	9	51	45	37
Bournemouth	34	13	11	10	64	60	37
Torquay	35	15	7	13	69	70	37
Fulham	34	15	6	13	62	61	30
Coventry	33	15	5	13	69	50	35
Swindon	34	16	3	15	72	74	35
Exeter	34	12	9	13	60	73	33
Queen's P.R.	34	14	3	17	65	62	31
Walsall	34	13	10	11	62	62	30
Gillingham	34	10	14	10	49	62	30
Clapton O.	32	12	6	14	69	61	30
Bristol R.	35	10	9	16	58	85	29
Walsall	34	10	7	17	65	79	27
Thames	34	11	5	18	46	89	27
Norwich	34	8	7	19	39	63	23
Newport	34	10	3	21	61	96	23

THE ARMY DEFEAT RICHMOND.

Harlequins Draw With the O.M.T.'s. BLACKHEATH DEFEATED.

London, March 14.

The following were the results of to-day's Rugby football games: Army—Richmond, 10-5; Bradford—Blackheath, 6-3; Rosslyn Park—Birkenhead, 5-8; Harlequins—O.M.T., 15-15; London Scottish—Plymouth, 15-15; Services—London, 15-6; St. Bart's Hosp.—London, 15-6; Irish, 8-10; Blackheath—London Hosp., 22-5.

number with a delightful "sle of the dummy" to phase Northwood, who touched down.

With victory or defeat hanging by a thread to the kick, Roberts had the mortification of seeing his attempt hit the upright and rebound into play. It was indeed hard luck and had it been converted it would have been a just reward for a remarkable Naval recovery. This terminated the scoring in a closely contested second half, the Army winning by the narrowest possible margin.

Lance-Corporal Frankham was very safe with his handling, and though his touch kicking lacked distance, it found touch invariably. Lieut. Galletly and Lieut. Douglas were seldom in the limelight for the single reason that they were starved by their own players and opposed to the weaker Naval wing. A.B. Deaken, F.O. Beamish, and E.A. Wilkinson were the pick of the Army forwards.

Result:—Army 12 pts. Navy 11 pts.

MASSAI AND EASTER HERO.

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VICTORIA CLUB CALL-OVER.

London, Yesterday.

The figures at the call-over in the Victoria Club yesterday were as follows:—

Lincolnshire.

[Run To-morrow.]

100/9 Massai offered, 100/8 taken.
100/8 The Masher.
100/6 Knight Error.
20/1 Eyes Front, t and o.
20/1 Leodias II., t and o.
20/1 Rivalry offered, 25/1 taken.
25/1 Croca, t and o.
25/1 Sargasso, t and o.
25/1 Telasur, t and o.
25/1 Bunch, t and o.
25/1 Cat o Nine Tails, t and o.
25/1 Arman, taken.
33/1 Fleeting Memory, t and o.
33/1 King Baldwin, offered.
33/1 Grand Master, offered.
33/1 Whoopee, offered.
33/1 Fuzzy Wuzzy, offered.
Grand National.
[Run on Friday.]

100/9 Easter Hero.
100/7 Sir Lindsay.
100/7 Ballasport, offered.
100/6 Drintyre, offered, 20/1 taken.
100/6 Grakki, offered.
18/1 Drin, offered.
25/1 Mollery's Belle, o, 28/1 t.
30/1 Kakushin.
33/1 Shaun Gollin, t and o.
33/1 Gib, t and o.
33/1 Richmond II., o, 40/1 t.
—Reuter.

* Reuter gives the betting as 20/1, but Kakushin follows Mollery's Belle, and is thus presumably 30/1.

LONG DISTANCE SWIMMING.

Candiotti Swims 225 Miles.

SEVENTY-TWO HOURS.

Baradero, Argentina, Mar. 17. Pedro Candiotti, the long distance swimmer, has remained in the water nearly 72 hours and swum about 225 miles. He was on the way to Buenos Aires, 800 miles away, via the Parana River, when the cold water defeated him. He claims a record.—China Press Radio.

CHAPMAN ON SOUTH AFRICAN TESTS.

In Sparkling Form at S.A.C.A. Dinner.

"BEST SIDE LOST."

Durban, Feb. 27.

"I think the best side lost," said A. P. F. Chapman, the English captain, in a speech last night at the dinner given by the South African Cricket Association to the N.C.C. team.

Chapman was in sparkling form. He made the same flashing cuts with his words as he does with the bat, and the audience burst into a good-humoured chorus of disapproval as he rounded off his speech with the opinion expressed above. Referring to the fifth Test, Chapman said he did not agree with those who accused South Africa of slow batting. They played the only game possible and won the rubber.

He denounced the gravel outfield and matting wickets. "The next England team that comes here," he said, "must play all their Test matches on turf."

"I have looked over the experimental turf wicket at Johannesburg on the Wanderers' ground and I find that it is definitely good enough to warrant the permanent establishment of turf wickets there."

Mr. Cyril Webber, chairman of the South African Cricket Association, after sympathizing with the M.C.C. team for the ill-luck which had dogged them, said he thought it had been established that four days were not sufficient for a Test Match in South Africa.

"I am going to inquire into the possibility of extending the time to five days, or a fixed number of hours of play," he said. "South Africa will put a proposal on this matter before the next meeting of the Imperial Cricket Conference."

PERKINS WINS DIXI AMATEUR TITLE.

HOLLOW VICTORY.

Miami, Feb. 28.

T. P. Perkins, the former Castle Bromwich golfer, and ex-British amateur champion, won the Dixi amateur title here to-day. In the final he gained a hollow win over Bob Kaufman, of Ohio, whom he defeated by thirteen up and twelve to play. The Dixi Amateur Association Foreign Special.

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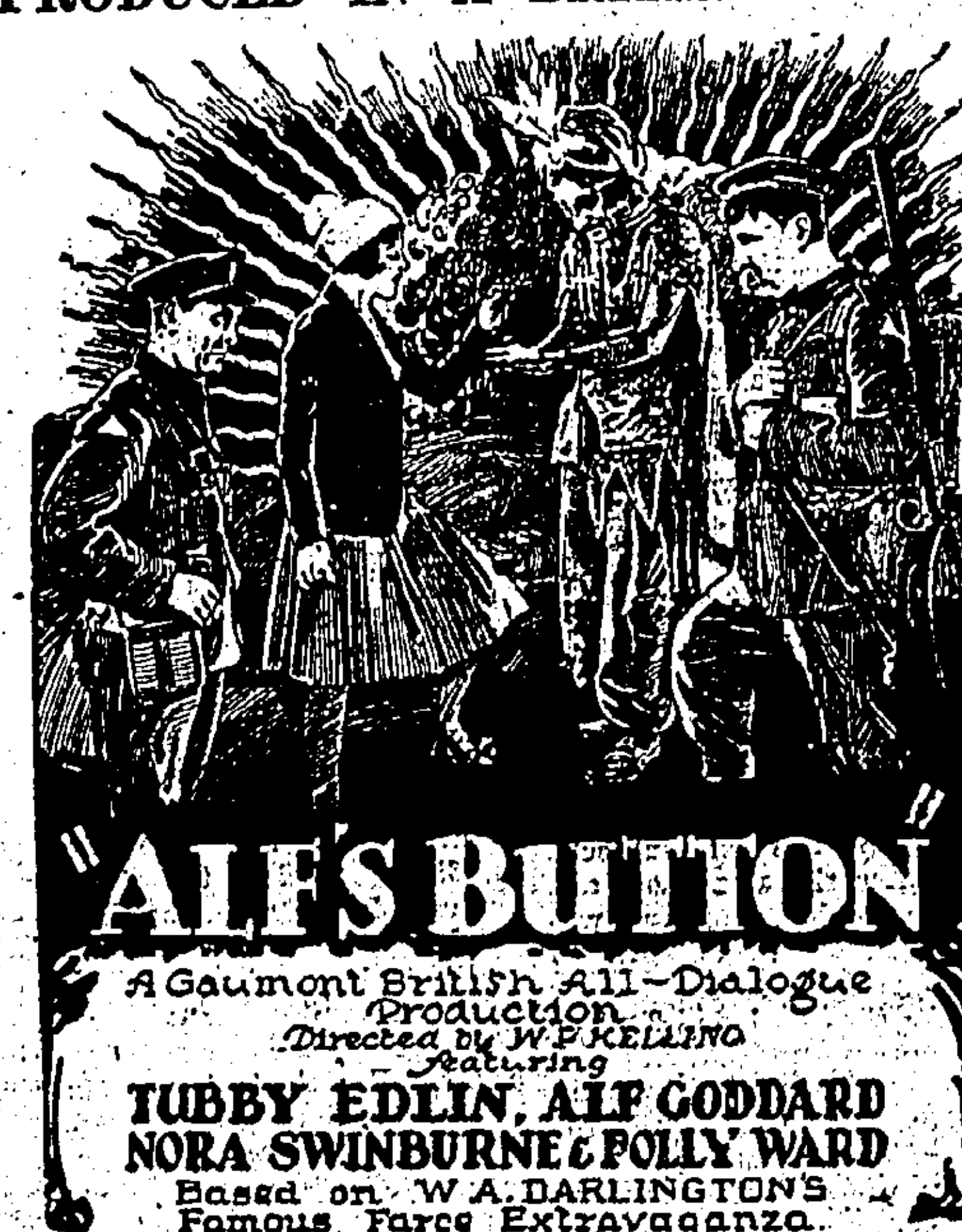
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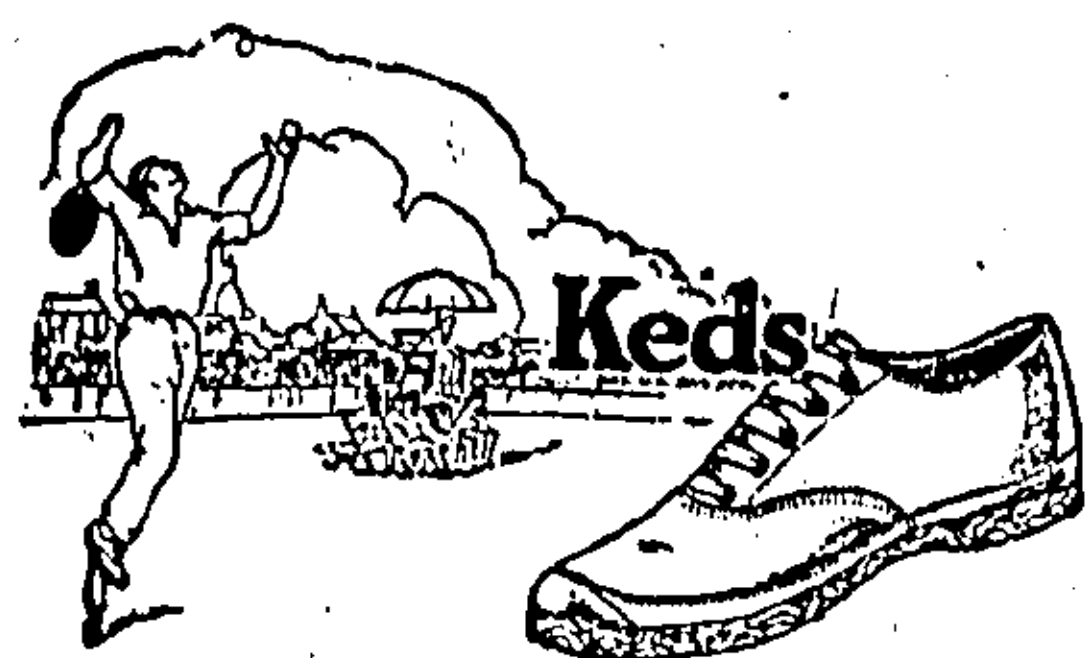
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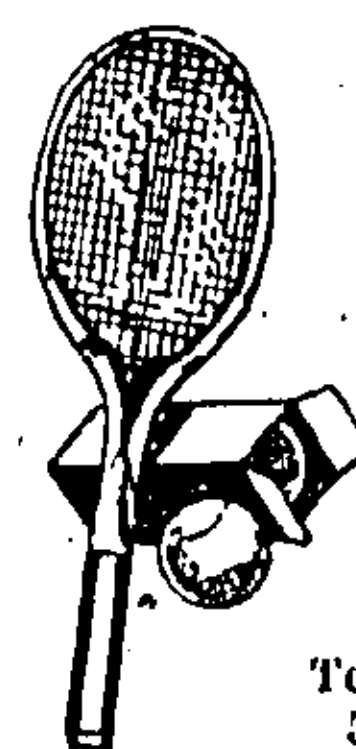


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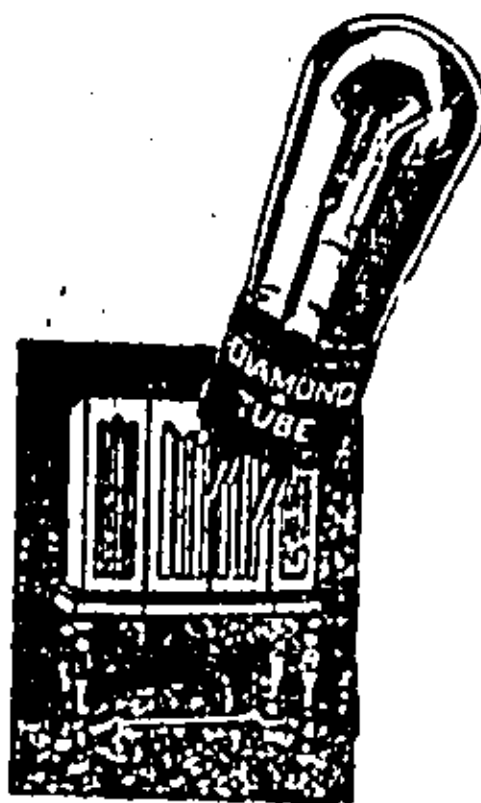


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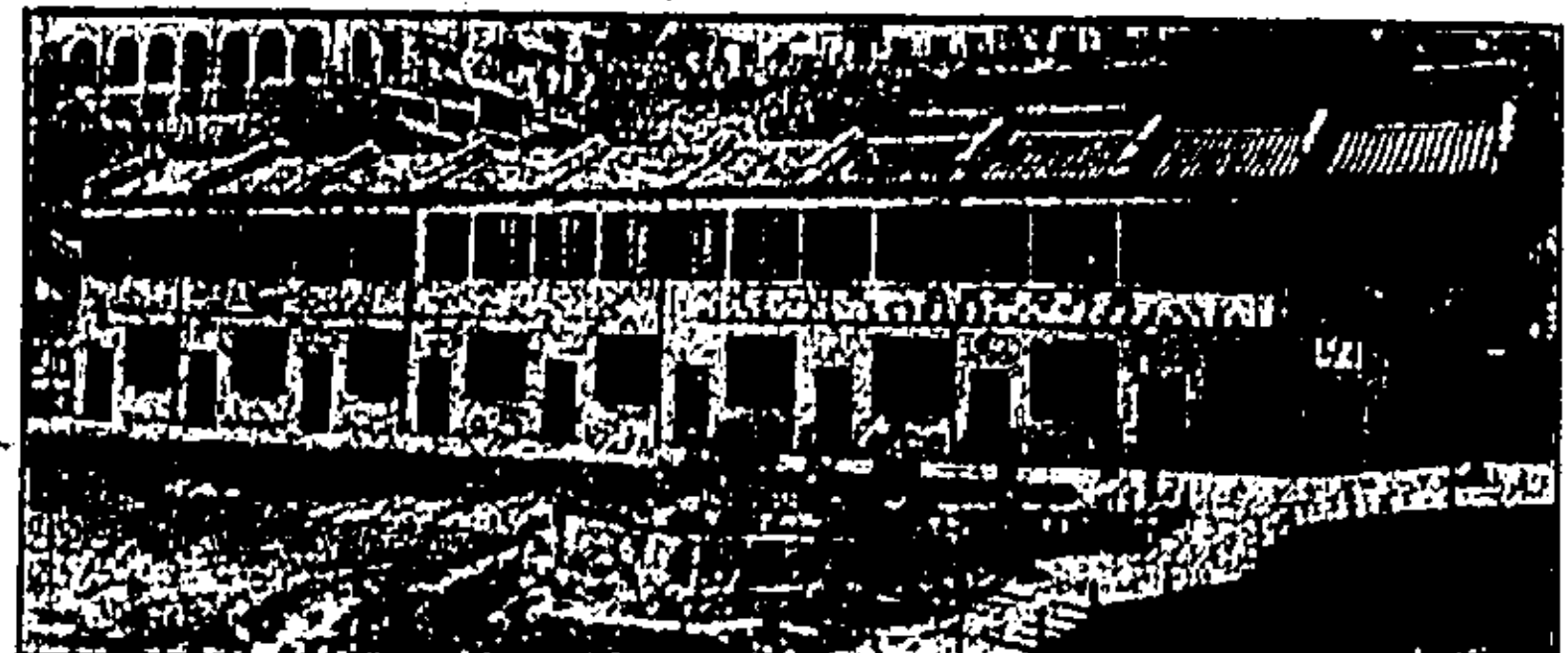
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CHINA TO TAKE PART AT LOS ANGELES.

Football Team To Be Sent to America.

Shanghai, March 17.
That China should send a soccer football team to the 10th World Olympics to be held at Los Angeles next year was decided at a meeting of the Executive Council of the China National Amateur Athletic Federation on Sunday evening.

The meeting was presided over by Dr. C. T. Wang, minister of foreign affairs and honorary president of the Federation. Upon the proposal of Wm. Z. L. Sung, the Council unanimously passed the resolution that China should be represented in the soccer championship of the world's biggest athletic meet.

The First Time.

The entry will mark the first time in the history of the world olympiad that China takes part in the competitions. China became a member of the Olympiad a few years ago, but has never participated in any of the many contests offered.

The meeting also decided to send a few Chinese boxers, amateurs who are experts on Chinese boxing, to give exhibitions in the Los Angeles Games, writes the China Free Press.

The question of financing the soccer team and the boxers to make the trip to the United States and return will be in the hands of the Federation.

That China should again take part in the 1932 Davis Cup series was also decided at the executives' meeting. In this connection, Gordon Lum and Khoo Hoo-hye, foremost Chinese tennis players, have applied to the Federation for sanction to represent the country in the next year's tourney at their own expenses, and the meeting decided that the sanction should be given them on condition that should there be other star performers who deserve a place in the team they should go along with them.

Not South China.

The meeting decided that the Inter-Sectional football will be held here on April 4 to 10. It has now become definite that the South China team will not come for the series and thereby forfeits its right. North China will be represented and though no confirmation has yet come to hand, it is quite likely that Central China will also take part.

The Amateur Rules, prepared by a special committee appointed by the Federation, were adopted at the meeting.

BETTY NUTHALL DISAPPOINTS.

BEATS FRENCH CHAMPION.

Monte Carlo, Feb. 28.
Mrs. Satterthwaite, who has been well-nigh invincible in tournaments on the Riviera this season, to-day beat Miss Betty Nuthall in the quarter-finals of the Monte Carlo tournament, 6-4, 6-3.

London, March 14.
Betty Nuthall, after discouraging form on the Riviera, won the Nice Championship final, defeating the French Champion, Madame Mathieu 6-0, 3-6, 6-4, 6-1—China Press Radio.

KOZELUH DEFEATS TILDEN.

UNLUCKY TWELFTH.

Los Angeles, March 16.
Karel Kozeluh, the Czechoslovakian professional, checked "Big Bill" Tilden's run of eleven successes by defeating him to-day by 4-6, 6-2, 8-6, 6-4, 6-1—China Press Radio.

YACHTING.

LADIES RACE FOR PRESENTED CUP.

Yesterday afternoon there was a race for ladies, for presented cups, the course being:—
Channel Rocks (P), Rowloon Rock (P), Mark on Line (S), Cust Rock Mark Boats (S); a distance of 5.5 miles.

The results were as follow:—
"H" Class.

[Started at 3 p.m.]
Yacht Sailed by Posn.
Diana—Mrs. E. M. Bingham ... 2
Rolla—Mrs. T. Thorp ... 1
La Linda—Mrs. J. Blackie ... 4
Argyll—Mrs. T. E. Pomeroy ... 3
"H" and "G" Classes.

[Started at 3.05 p.m.]
Yacht Sailed by Posn.
Why Wonder?—Mrs. P. Fowkes ... 4
Wings—Mrs. G. E. Flood ... D.N.F.
Boolum—Mrs. G. Pickering ... 3
Speedwell—Mrs. H. Stewart ... 1
Daphne—Mrs. M. de Linde ... 2

HOCKEY.

UNIVERSITY SECOND ELEVEN AGAINST Y.M.C.A.

The following have been selected to represent the University second eleven against Y.M.C.A. at King's Park at 5.15 p.m. on Thursday:—

C. de Sousa (captain); A. B. Sullivan, W. A. James, S. C. Ho, D. J. N. Anderson, A. M. Rodriguez, B. K. Ng, A. A. Aziz, P. M. N. da Silva, P. C. Tan, and E. L. Foo.

Our Sports Diary.

LOCAL

SAILING—To-day—Trevelva Trophy, 4 p.m.

LAWN TENNIS—To-day—H.K.C.C. Tournament.

RIFLE SHOOTING—To-day and To-morrow—Hong Kong Area Small Arms Meeting.

GOLF—To-day—Ladies' Section, Fanning—Distribution of Prizes.

HOCKEY—To-morrow—Club v. Navy (Sim. Shield), U.S.R.C. Ground, 4.45 p.m.

Thursday—Y.M.C.A. v. University II, King's Park, 6.15 p.m.

Friday—Caer Clark Cup—St. Andrew's Club v. Kowloon Ladies' Hockey Club.

Saturday—Caer Clark Cup—Club de Recreo v. Hong Kong Ladies' Hockey Club.

CHESS—Friday—Entries close for Kowloon Chess Club's Junior Championship.

April 7—Open Chess Championship commences.

LAWN BOWLS—Friday—Lawn Bowls Association Annual Meeting, 5.30 p.m.

RUGBY FOOTBALL—Saturday—Club v. Navy, Club Ground, 3 p.m.

April 4—Club v. Army, Soekunpoo, 3 p.m.

FOOTBALL—Saturday—First Division—Police R.C. v. Chinese Artillery v. Kowloon F.C.; Club v. Navy, South Wales Borderers v. Club de Recreo; South China A.A. v. Argylls.

April 18—Sunday—Herald Charity Cup Final—Scotland v. China.

CRICKET—Saturday—Division I—Hong Kong C.C. v. Craighower C.C. (L); Kowloon C.C. v. University (L); Division II—Craighower C.C. v. Royal Engineers (L); Civil Service C.C. v. University (P).

April 4 and 6—Second Extra Race Meeting, Happy Valley.

April 18—Third Extra Race Meeting, Happy Valley.

RACING—April 14 and 6—Second Extra Race Meeting, Happy Valley.

FENCING—Monday—Fencing Club Meeting, Yacht Club, 5.15 p.m.

ROME.

GOLF—To-day and To-morrow—Oxford v. Cambridge, Sandwich.

BOXING—To-morrow—A.B.A. Championships, Albert Hall.

RACING—To-morrow—Lincolnshire Handicap.

Thursday—Liverpool Spring Cup.

Friday—Grand National Steeplechase.

SCHNEIDER TROPHY

CONTEST TO BE HELD IN BRITAIN.

OVER THE SOLENT.

London, Yesterday.
The Schneider Trophy contest will be held on August 12 over the Solent and at Spithead.—Reuter.

LAWN TENNIS.

SULLIVAN BEATS CHIU-CHUN-CHIU IN SINGLES.

After winning the first set with apparent ease A. L. Sullivan was hard pressed in the second set against Chiu Chun-chiu. In the doubles matches there were no surprises, although it was thought that F. A. Redmond and L. T. Ride would have done better than they did.

Full results of yesterday's matches were:—

Open Singles.

A. L. Sullivan beat Chiu Chun-chiu 6-1, 8-6.

Open Doubles.

S. A. and H. D. Rumjahn beat Ho Wai-hing and Lu Tak-lam 6-2, 6-2.
T. Hondo and T. Akiyama beat F. A. Redmond and Dr. L. T. Ride 6-1, 6-4.

M. W. and M. K. Lo beat A. H. Rumjahn and A. H. Madar 6-3, 6-1.

Club Championship.

L. Goldman beat G. Segalen 6-2, 6-2.

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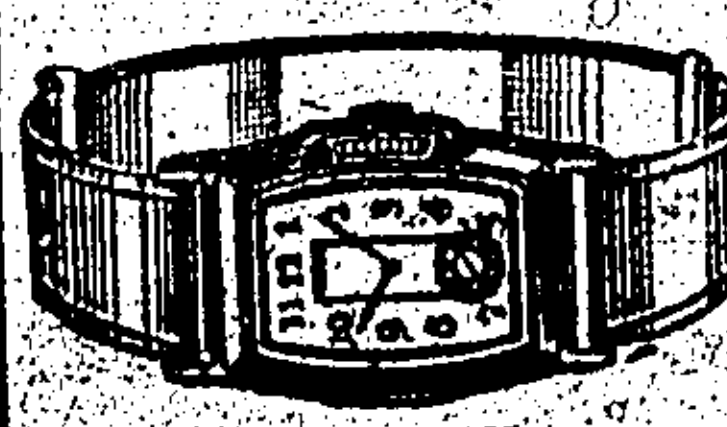
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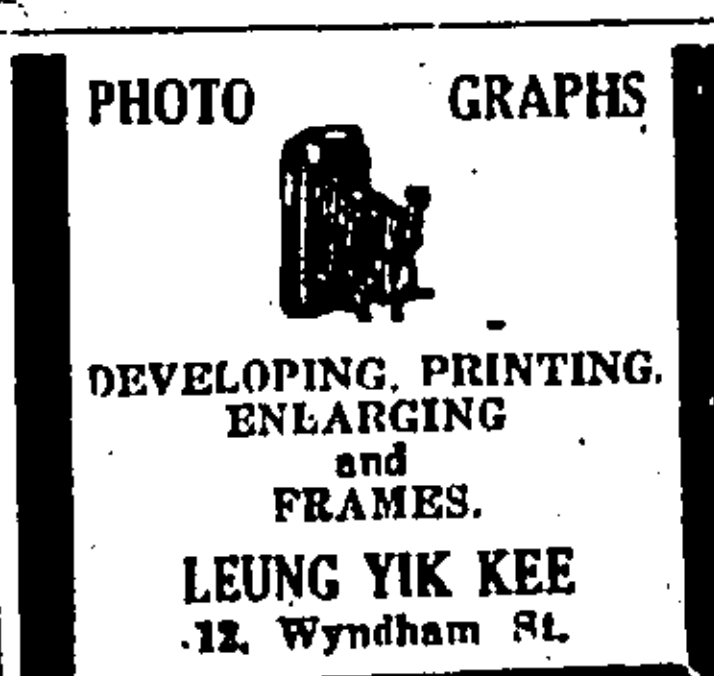


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POLICE RESERVE.

ORDERS FOR THE CURRENT WEEK.

Orders by the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, C.M.G., Inspector-General of Police, are as under:—

The Hon. Inspector-General of Police wishes to record his thanks for and appreciation of the services rendered by members of the Flying Squad in performing special duties at the Race Course during the Annual Spring Meeting, between February 28 and March 7.

General.
Revolvers Practice.—There will be no revolver practice at the Kennedy Road Range to-morrow.

Police Training School.
The weekly classes for Police Reservists at the Police Training School, Kowloon, will be held as usual to-day, at 5.30 p.m. All members of the Chinese Company and of the Flying Squad who have not yet passed Part 2 of Training Course should attend.

Chinese Company.
Probationers.—The following probationers are specially required to attend the Police Training School, and Squad Drill at the Central Police Station on Tuesdays and Thursdays respectively.
R99 Frank Chew, R74 Ho Kwai-hung, R51 Lam Man-kit, R89 Luk Kang-cheung, R69 Pong Kwok-tin, R6 Tsai Long-shan, R68 Edward E. Tip, R64 Silver Pong and R81 Kwok Shui-cheong.

Squad Drill.—All recruits of the Chinese Company will attend Central Police Station for Squad Drill on Thursday, at 5.30 p.m. under L. S. R49 Tso Chien.

Leave.—Constable R230 Hassan Din returned from leave on March 14, 1931.

Flying Squad.
Squad Drill.—All recruits of the Flying Squad will attend at Police Headquarters for Squad Drill on Thursday, at 5.30 p.m. under L. S. R393 A. W. Mooney.

The weekly instructional patrol of the Kowloon Section will take place to-day. Fall in at Tsim-ta-tui Fire Brigade Station at 5.30 p.m. sharp. Dress—Winter uniform and cap with white cover.

The final instructional patrol of the month of the Hong Kong Section will take place on Friday and all members should take part in this patrol. Fall in at Central Police Station at 5.15 p.m. sharp. Dress—Winter uniform and cap with white cover.

Sharpshooters Company.
Miniature Range Practice.—The Company Rifle Club will hold the regular weekly practice on the Miniature Range on Thursday at 5.15 p.m.

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SPEECH RESENTED.

Minister Contradicts King Zogu.

Belgrade, March 15.
A controversy has broken out between King Zogu, of Albania, and the Yugoslav Government as a result of a speech by King Zogu which was reported in the Vienna newspapers.

In this speech King Zogu bitterly complained of the attitude of Yugoslavia towards Albania and declared that armed parties are constantly invading Albania from Yugoslavia, doing considerable damage and committing outrages with the object of damaging Albania and her finances.

Dr. Vojislav Marinkovitch, the Yugoslav Foreign Minister, in a spirited reply, declared that King Zogu's statement is completely untrue.

The armed parties which had invaded Albanian territory from Yugoslavia consisted entirely of Albanian political refugees, and King Zogu was scarcely in a position to complain of such Yugoslav hospitality, because he had been only too glad to avail himself thereof when he was compelled to flee his native land.—Reuter Wireless.

MOMENTOUS MONTH.

2,000,000 Workers Face Wage Cuts.

London, March 15.

The next four weeks will be momentous for nearly 2,000,000 workers in Great Britain, as negotiations for wage cuts are pending in five big industries—namely railways, engineering, boat and shipbuilding and South Wales mining.

The South Wales miners will discuss to-morrow a proposal for an immediate strike as a protest against the arbitration award reducing their wages.

The railwaymen will meet on Tuesday to discuss another award, which cuts wages by £4,000,000 a year.

On Friday the building operatives will decide on the acceptance or rejection of their employers' demands for lower wages and the boot-makers will begin negotiations with their employers.—Reuter Wireless.

LABOUR CAUCUS.

Defiance Of Australian Premier.

Canberra, Mar. 15.

Widespread comment has been aroused by the publication of cables sent by the Prime Minister, Mr. J. H. Scullin, from London in November and December last, when he was attending the Imperial Conference, to Mr. J. E. Fenton, when he was acting as Prime Minister, and to Mr. J. A. Lyons, who was acting as Treasurer, owing to what is described as the contrast between Mr. Scullin's defiance of the Labour Caucus while he was attending the Imperial Conference and his readiness to placate it at Canberra.

One of the cables mentioned, which was sent to Mr. Lyons on November 7, reveals that Mr. Scullin denounced the Labour Caucus resolution to postpone payment to bondholders as "dishonest and disastrous" and commended Mr. Lyons for his attitude on the matter.

But the newspapers point out that Messrs. Holloway and Culley, who supported this resolution, are now Cabinet Ministers, while Messrs. Lyons and Fenton, who opposed the motion, are out of the Cabinet.

Mr. Scullin has denounced the publication of the cables and has described the action of the individual responsible for "treacherously publishing confidential communications" as "too contemptible for words."—Reuter Wireless.

COIL DEVELOPMENTS.

It is really rather interesting to note, writes "Thermion" in Amateur Wireless, how the trend of development has gone back just recently to what it was some years ago. In the old days when we were just beginning to know something about neutralised circuits, we appreciated the value of controlling the stray coupling between the stages, and our Technical Editor introduced the well-known screened coils, which were used by many amateurs. The most useful feature was their simplicity; all you had to do was remove the cover, when you could insert any other coil you liked inside and replace the cover again.

Then came the introduction of the screened valve, and with it, the again almost universal development of the dual-range coils. Both the effects militated against the old simple circuit, and we had a period of fearfulness and wonderful combinations (I shall probably get rapped over the knuckles for saying this). For a time this was sufficient. The coils were not efficient and their very damping held the circuits down.

The next phase came when both coils and valves improved considerably, and in order to obtain the stability required, the circuits had to be built up in completely screened boxes, and we had chassis-built receivers in which everything was bottled up to the last degree. These receivers were very difficult to construct, and never became really popular. The latest developments

follow on the heels of yet another valve improvement, which enables us to use simpler coils and still to obtain results superior to those of the old neutralised days. With this development comes the reversal to the old from the screen coil, having a removable cover. The variable condensers are either provided with partition screens or are completely screened in themselves, and to avoid any stray capacity coupling, the valves are now screened. Thus, although there is a little more complication, due to the necessity for screening more of the components, we are coming back to the simplicity of the older forms of set.

William Fulton, assistant general passenger agent, Canadian Pacific Railway, stationed at Toronto, was guest of honor at a dinner given him by brother officials at the Royal York Hotel, January 24, in honor of his forty years service with the railway completed on that day. Joining the railway January 24, 1891, Mr. Fulton, at one time or another, met most of the C.P.R. men who have made Canadian history in the colorful years of the railway's growth.

FOREST MOWN DOWN.

Isereables, Switzerland, Mar. 15.

After mowing down a whole forest on the mountain-side a gigantic avalanche swept down on a summer resort near Martigny, in Valais, razing a number of chalets to the ground and doing damage estimated at over 50,000 Swiss francs, but causing no loss of life, as the chalets are only inhabited in summer time.—Reuter Wireless.

Martigny lies 10 miles south-west of Sion, on the River Dranse, about 1½ miles south of the Rhone and on the Jura-Simplon railway. It is the starting-point of routes over the Great St. Bernard and the Col de la Forclaz. Elevation 1,560 feet.

JUGO-SLAVIA FLOODS.

Belgrade, March 14.

Eighty villages are already under water in Jugo-Slavia, where the River Slava is still rising rapidly, being in some places 25 feet above its normal level.

The town of Kojinj, in Croatia, with 10,000 inhabitants, is completely cut off.

The food situation is very difficult.—Reuter Wireless.

"DOWN THE RIVER."

"Three-Fingered-Jack" Gets 14 Years.

New York, Mar. 14.

"Three-fingered Jack" has "gone down the river" for 14 years, so the ranks of the underworld have lost another notorious criminal, for "to go down the river" in Americanese means to go to prison.

"Three-fingered Jack," whose real name is William White, was convicted five years ago for the murder of a policeman. He was sentenced to death, but the Supreme Court squashed the sentence.

The case has since lingered, until "Three-fingered Jack" was listed as a "public enemy" and given 14 years on a revised murder charge.—Reuter Wireless.

MATCH-BOX BOMB.

Joke Which "Put The Wind Up" Nazis Leader.

Berlin, Mar. 14.

What was at first thought to be an attempt on the life of Dr. Josef Goebbels, the National Socialist leader, turned out to be merely a practical joke.

Dr. Goebbels received a mysterious parcel, which was given a white berth both by him and the members of his household.

Bomb experts were summoned, when it was revealed that the parcel contained nothing more than a match-box filled with gunpowder and half-a-dozen fireworks packed in gravel.

The police believe that even if it had exploded it would not have done much harm.

Earlier in the day a group of National Socialists were fired on at Bochum and one was killed.—Reuter Wireless.

BORN IN A TRAIN.

How Baby Princess Came Into The World.

Berlin, March 14.

The Princess of Hohenzollern-Oehringen gave birth to a daughter early this morning in a sleeping-car express train.

The Princess was travelling from Silesia to Berlin in order to enter a nursing home.

A gynaecologist who was accompanying the Princess was able to do everything necessary.—Reuter Wireless.

QUART OF LIQUOR.

Life Imprisonment For Possessing It

Kansas City, March 14.

For possessing a quart of liquor Mrs. Buttler, aged 55, has been sentenced to imprisonment for life.

By a peculiar law persons who have been sent to a Penitentiary three times are liable, upon a fourth conviction for felony, to imprisonment for life.—Reuter Wireless.

Imagination Runs Riot.



When he launched the £2,500-ton Canadian Pacific liner Empress of Britain, H.R.H., the Prince of Wales, referring to the ship's designer, Mr. Heath Robinson, said that his imagination runs riot in a way that is almost fantastic.

The Prince referred to the announcement that Britain's foremost humorous artist has been given a free hand to decorate that room on the new liner which is to make its bow to Canada June 22nd next.

Developing a humorous legend of the cockpit of his own invention, Mr. Heath Robinson, who is a ship designer at work on some of the panels, has prepared a decorative scheme that extols the virtues of the cockpit and depicts ingenious machinery employed in its manufacture.

Mr. Heath Robinson's ideas of the latest labor-saving machinery in connection with the operation and preparation of engines for cockpit entertainment are shown together with the proposed Betty Aeroplane, a new descendant of the historical biplane. This cartoon decoration depicts the waiting powers of an aeroplane. These and other drawings will appear on the walls and ceiling of the room.

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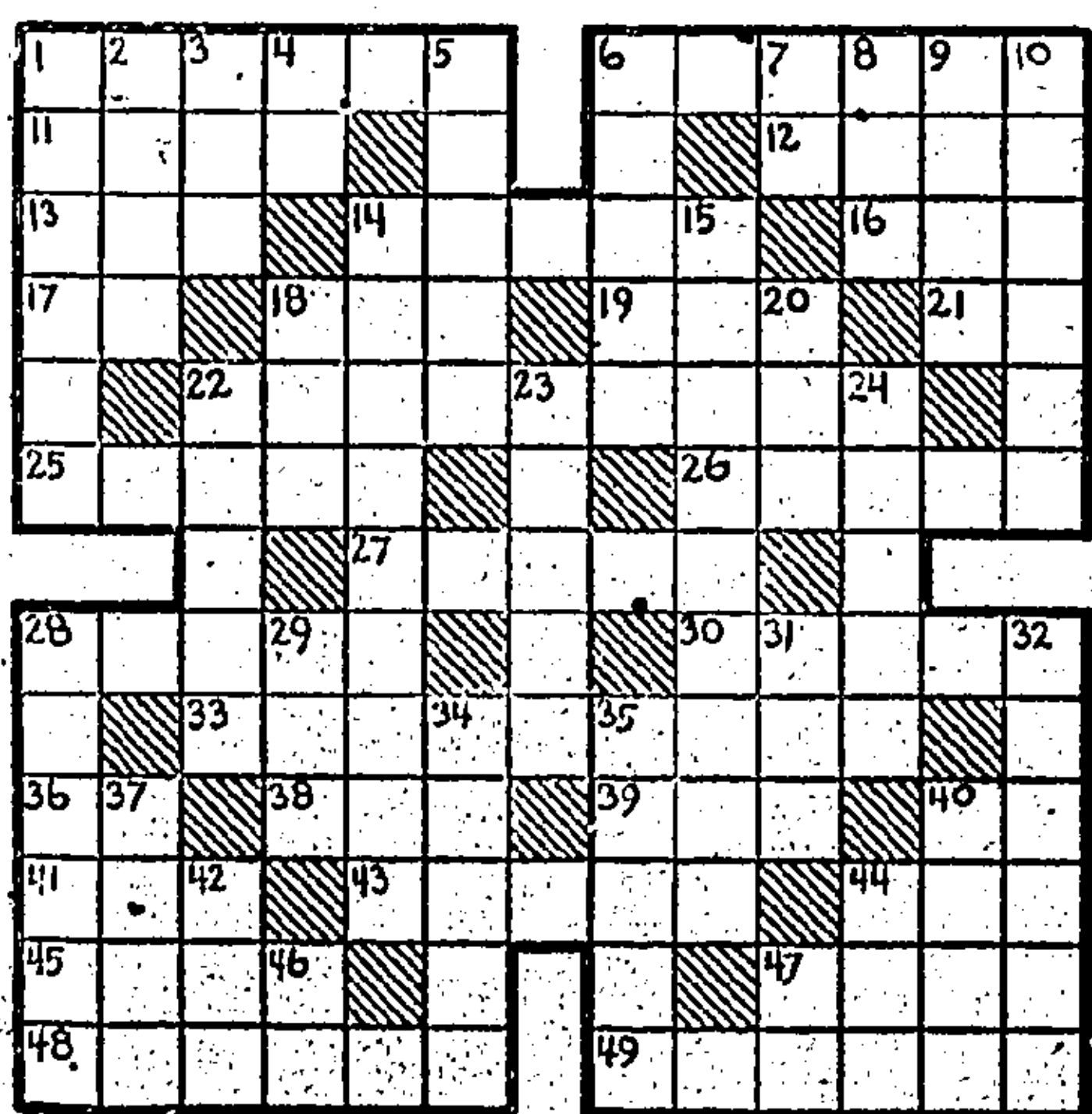
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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but
our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic
spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



- HORIZONTAL:**
1-Frail
6-Crawls
11-Travelling by horse-
back
12-Join
13-Unit
14-Rescued
15-Game as Noah
17-Point of compass
(abbr.)
18-Printer's measure
(pl.)
19-Speak
21-A continent (abbr.)
22-One who sells sta-
tionery
25-Ancient weapon
26-Hemlock wanderer
27-Ernest (8 l.)
28-Moderated
30-A bone of the body
32-Fish of the sea
family
- HORIZONTAL (Cont.):**
34-Night (abbr.)
35-Regret extremely
36-Terminals
40-Stannum (abbr.)
41-Combining form
new
42-Corridors
44-River in Poland
45-Gain
47-Without (Latin)
48-Empties
49-Put away for future
use
- VERTICAL:**
1-Leaves of ferns
22-Collars
30-Chemical suffix
4-Primrose
5-Frost
23-Aeroplane
37-Printer's measure
- VERTICAL (Cont.):**
8-Even (poet.)
9-A Mexican laborer
10-Moves by steam
14-A small drum
15-Gifts
18-Greek letter E
20-Territory (abbr.)
22-Chair
23-Coast of W. Asia
Minor
24-Swift
26-Prohibited
28-Ever (poet.)
31-A few degrees (abbr.)
32-Supplied with men
34-Peru
35-War
37-Tend
40-Mentally sound
42-Polish name
44-Tibia
46-Nickel (abbr.)
47-As

RADIO TOPICS

BROADCASTING IN
INDIA.Government Not to
Waste Money.

A NOTE OF APPROVAL.

It is good to have it on the authority of the Government of India that there is no intention on an ambitious programme of broad-
casting development, with the necessary corollary of a commensurate expenditure of public funds, says the Pioneer.

An official communique makes it clear that, in spite of reports to the contrary, there is no scheme afoot for the extension of the State Broadcasting Service, and that misapprehension has been created by the contents of a confidential departmental circular issued by the Director of Wireless having been divulged.

It is probably true that the officials in charge of the service would like to see it improved, and they possibly advocate schemes of State support. But so long as the present financial stringency continues, no Government would be justified in wasting money on what is, after all, a luxury.

If and when it can be shown that there is a strong public demand for broadcasting (which at present, to judge from the number of licences issued, does not exist), and when the industry is in a position to help itself, then steps may be taken to foster its growth.

Until then, the Government would do well to steer clear of such projects as extension and sponsored programmes.

RADIO NOTES.

(By A Wireless Critic.)

London, Jan. 8.
Things are not always as they seem at the B.B.C. The other day I found one of the best-known comedians. He was broadcasting under another name.

The matter he was using for the wireless was extremely funny, but so entirely different from that in which he has always specialised on the stage that he thinks it policy to appear under a name by which he cannot be identified.

Several first-class singers also adopt another name when they appear in some of the lighter productions. Should Listeners Judge? A friend asked the other day why the B.B.C. in its search for new talent does not broadcast auditions. He thinks it would be rather good fun to hear new artists in this way. But listeners acting as a jury would be seriously handicapped. At a stage audition they could express their feelings at once and, if necessary, throw things. At a broadcast listeners are the folk who cannot answer back.

This disability is great enough in existing conditions to make any effort at increasing it appear regrettable. But a jury delivering its verdict by post would certainly be novel.

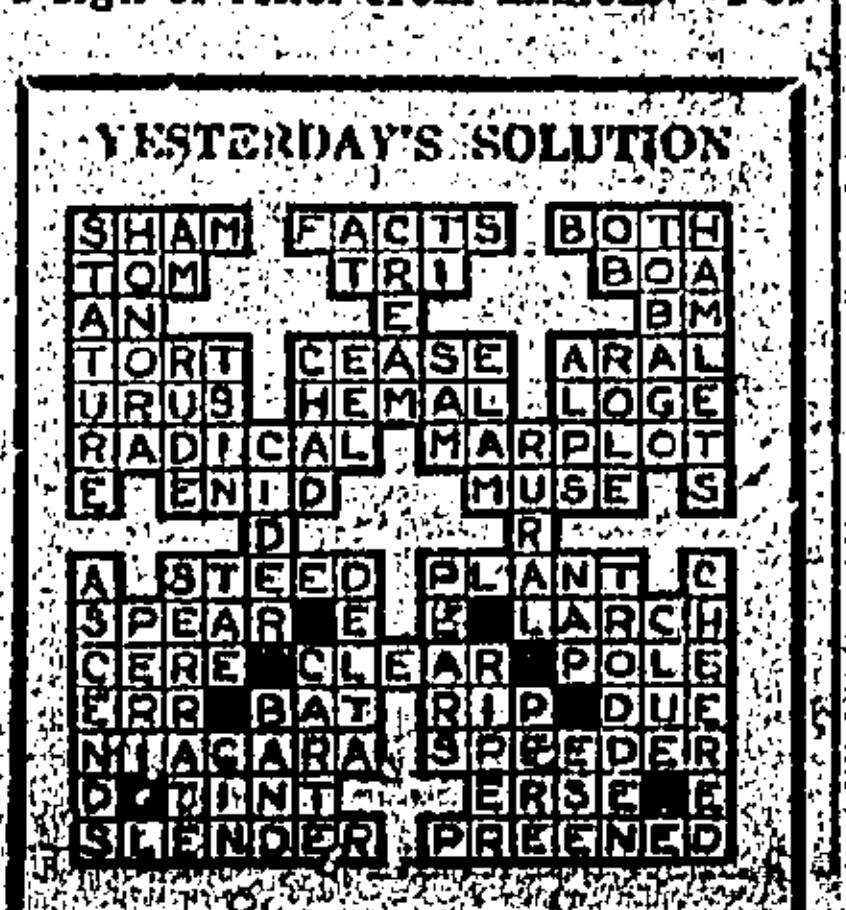
This brings me to another interesting topic. Is there a dearth of real comedians in this country? Some efforts on the wireless suggest an affirmative reply very strongly. Perhaps the English taste in humour is changing.

Brass Band Music.
Why this sudden passion at Savoy Hill for brass bands?
Brass bands are all very well in the North Country, where they are used in large numbers; but why inflict them on the people who still listen-in on Sundays?

Last Sunday, for example, we were introduced to the Pendleton Brass Band straight from its native heath. It sounded exactly like a brass band.

One of the most solemn moments of the performance, by the Pendleton Brass Band was the announcement that Mr. W. Ashworth would not be able to conduct. He had been misled in the fog.

Last night there was a colliery band on London Regional from Newcastle. There must have been a sigh of relief from millions. For



TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME.

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station, Z.B.V., on a wavelength of 305 metres.

5-5.20 p.m.—European Programme of Victor Records.

5-5.20 p.m.—Hawaiian Melodies. Ramona, Could I... Giulietta Morino (81229). Meet me in Hawaii, Wabashi Blues.

Price, Pressor, Teasley (21018). Silver Threads Among the Golden, The Rose of Hawaii, Ovarina Soloist (60710). Walter Kolomo's Honoluluans (21634).

5-5.20 p.m.—West Wind, John Boles, Tenor (22229). Carnival of Venice, Fred Brann, Ovarina Soloist (60710).

My Dream of the Big Parade, Peerless Quartet, Vocal (20038).

5-5.30 p.m.—Gottterdammerung (Wagner). (Act 2 and Part of Act 3).

Berlin State Opera Orchestra. Conducted by Leo Blech. The End of Act 3 will be broadcast on Tuesday next. These records have been kindly loaned by a Listener.

6-10-6.28 p.m.—Four Pianoforte Solos.

Minuet (Paderewski), Ignace Jan Paderewski (6090). Moonlight Sonata (Beethoven), Ignace Jan Paderewski (2200).

Song of Love (Stojowski), Reflection on the Water (Debussy), Ignace Jan Paderewski (6093).

6-28-7.15 p.m.—Concert Items. Song—Proch's Air & Variations (Proch), Madam Amolita Galli-Curci (6784).

Violin Solo—Shepherd's Madrigal (Kreisler), Gypsy Caprice (Kreisler), Fritz Kreisler (6712).

Song—Love's Old Sweet Song, Bingham & Molley, Kathleen Mavourneen (Crawford Crouch), John McCormack, Tenor (6776).

Violin Solo—Air for G String (Bach arr. Wilhelm), Ave Maria (Schubert-Wilhelm), Mischa Elman (7103).

Song—Love—Tide of Spring, Luciezia Bori (6699).

Violin Solo—Minuet (Paderewski), Nocturne in E Flat Major (Chopin), Sergei Rachmaninoff (6731).

7-15-7.35 p.m.—The Fire Bird (Ignor Strawinsky), Philadelphia Symphony Orch. (6773-75).

7-35-8 p.m.—Organ Solos. Diane, Among My Souvenirs, Jesse Crawford (21140).

What Does it Matter, Song of the Wanderers, Jesse Crawford (20660).

Because, Oh Promise Me, Jesse Crawford (20663).

8-11-30 p.m.—Ko Shing Theatre Relay.

11-30 p.m.—Close Down.

once in a while we heard a brass band without a cornet solo.

Radio Plays Unsatisfactory. I wonder how high is the percentage of listeners who will really enjoy these concerts of contemporary music of which to-morrow night's is the first of the season. It seems to me that the percentage is very low.

Similarly in regard to some of the radio plays. Large numbers of people are not listening to them. There is not enough humour. Gloom is being specialised in, too much. And many of the performances are too long.

Another point. Some actors talk too quickly. It is often impossible to hear what they are saying.

The technique of the radio play is still in its infancy. Perhaps we shall have to wait for the complete television before we are satisfied.

The Ideal Set. I have had a letter from a listener who suggests that the wireless set of the future is the one which will give you any station in the world at the fullest strength simply by pressing a button marked with the name of that station. I agree, while recognising the terrific nature of the problem.

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Dance Music Too Late. Two thoughts on the dance music in the night programme.

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BROADCASTING IN
COLOMBO.Two Very Acceptable
"Surprises."

A "JOHN HENRY" TALK.

Listeners were greatly delighted with two excellent "Surprise" items recently broadcast from Colombo, says the Ceylon Observer.

The first took place on February 20, and had been previously arranged. It turned out to be a relay from the Natural History Section of Colombo Museum (the local Zoo.) Mr. G. M. R. Henry, Systematic Entomologist, in a graphic manner took the listener from place to place describing the inhabitants of the various cages. Listeners heard the leopards growling, the monkeys in the Monkey House, and the variety of whistling and singing which came forth from an Aviary. The

effect was very natural and a great success. Mr. Henry in the course of his talk stressed the desirability of a Zoo for Colombo, the nucleus, of which now existed.

A Real Surprise.

The other "Surprise" item, an entirely unrehearsed one, was sprung without warning on listeners in the middle of the night after dinner programme and helped greatly to soften the extreme disappointment felt by the cancellation of the s.s. Resolute Orchestra.

So sudden and unexpected was the item that most listeners were sceptical of its truth.

Suddenly from the Studio we were informed that Mr. and Mrs. John Henry (of world-wide broadcasting and gramophone fame) would say a few words, and for the next five minutes listeners were treated to a typical "John Henry" talk a long way surpassing any of his records broadcast from Colombo previously.

What actually happened was that Mr. John Henry and his wife, Gladys Horridge—passing through Colombo to Australia arrived at the Studio, Torrington Square, "to see the broadcasting Station" and the announcer with commendable presence of mind asked them to speak at the Microphone.

Such surprise items add greatly to the zest of broadcast listening.

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At the end of December, according to figures published by the British Broadcasting Corporation, there were 8,411,910 wireless licences in issue, this total including 19,450 issued, without charge, to the blind. During last year there was an increase of 455,174, compared with an increase in the previous 12 months of 326,448 and during 1928 of 230,598. In December the total rose by 85,012.

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" Liver	牛肝	肥	lb.	24	13	14							
" Tripe	牛肚	肥	"	8	6	7	Fruits.						
Calves' Head & Feet	牛頭	瘦	set	1.20	1.00	61.00	Almonds	杏仁	每	lb.	85	35	—
Mutton Chop	羊排	肥	lb.	40	26	—	Apples (California)	金山	每	doz.	32	26	—
" Leg	羊腿	肥	"	40	26	—	Bananas (bride's)	蕉	每	doz.	8	4	—
" Shoulder	羊肩	肥	"	35	24	—	Carambola	楊	每	doz.	12	—	—
" Saddle	羊鞍	肥	"	40	—	—	Coconuts	椰子	每	doz.	12	10	10
Pig's Chittlings	豬蹄	肥	per set	8	—	—	Lemons, China	檸檬	每	doz.	12	25	80
" Brains	豬腦	肥	lb.	16	15	—	Lemons (American)	金山	每	doz.	15	8	—
" Feet	豬腳	肥	"	28	15	18	Lichees, Dried	荔枝	每	lb.	80	25	80
" Fry	豬油	肥	"	18	20	—	Oranges (Canton)	新會	每	doz.	18	—	—
" Head	豬頭	肥	"	18	20	—	Oranges	橙	每	doz.	28	—	15
" Heart	豬心	肥	each	15	10	10	Pears (Canton)	沙	每	doz.	18	—	—
" Kidneys	豬腰	肥	"	15	10	3	Peanuts	花生	每	doz.	15	10	12
" Liver	豬肝	肥	lb.	46	30	24	Peralmonds, Large	花	每	doz.	12	—	—
Pork Chop	豬排	肥	lb.	38	25	23	Plantain	大	每	doz.	5	8	—
" Leg	豬腿	肥	"	38	—	—	Pumpelo, Siam	暹羅	每	doz.	20	12	0
" Loin	豬腰	肥	"	44	60	70	Walnuts	胡桃	每	doz.	20	—	16
" Fat or Lard	豬油	肥	"	25	21	—	Grapes	菩提	每	doz.	50	—	—
Sheep's Head & Feet	羊頭	瘦	per set	90	60	70	Vegetables, &c.						
" Heart	羊心	肥	each	12	8	7	Artichokes	菊	每	doz.	14	—	2
" Kidneys	羊腰	肥	"	15	12	10	Beans, Sprout	豆	每	lb.	5	—	7
" Liver	羊肝	肥	"	45	28	25	" Long	豆	每	lb.	8	—	—
Sucking Pigs, to order	豬	肥	lb.	25	25	22	Beet Root	根	每	doz.	14	—	—
Suet, Beef	鮮牛油	肥	"	30	20	18	Bitter Squash	瓜	每	doz.	6	24	—
" Mutton	鮮牛油	肥	"	36	26	20	Brinjals, Green	青	每	doz.	20	5	8
Veal	鮮牛油	肥	"	22	20	20	" Red	紅	每	doz.	6	5	8
" Sausages	鮮牛油	肥	"	28	—	—	Cabbage, Chinese	芥	每	doz.	8	—	—
" No. 1.	鮮牛油	肥	"	38	—	—	(Shanghai)	芥	每	doz.	10	12	—
Fish.													
Barbel	鮫魚	魚	lb.	48	16	24	Cane Shoots, bunch	大	每	doz.	25	—	—
Bream	原魚	魚	"	25	20	16	Cailliflower (Large)	大	每	doz.	25	—	—
Canton Fresh Water Fish	各種淡水魚	魚	"	25	—	—	(Medium)	中	每	doz.	20	—	—
Carp	鯉魚	魚	"	28	18	16	(Small)	小	每	doz.	16	0	6
Catfish	鰱魚	魚	"	26	16	27	Carrots	金	每	lb.	6	5	6
Codfish	鱈魚	魚	"	28	12	9	Celery, Chinese	奧	每	doz.	5	10	6
Crabs	蟹	魚	"	30	16	17	Chillies, Dried	辣	每	doz.	14	25	5
Cuttle Fish	墨魚	魚	"	20	23	26	" Red	紅	每	doz.	14	10	10
Dab	黃肚	魚	"	26	16	27	" Green	青	每	doz.	8	8	12
Dace	黃肚	魚	"	36	23	16	Curry Stuff, English	奧	每	doz.	10	9	—
Dog Fish	魚肚	魚	"	16	10	—	Cucumbers	黃	每	doz.	20	2	—
Eels, Conger	魚肚	魚	"	28	10	8	Garlic	蔥	每	doz.	10	6	6
" Fresh Water	魚肚	魚	"	25	16	—	Ginger, Young	子	每	doz.	6	7	—
" Yellow	魚肚	魚	"	30	10	8	" Old	老	每	doz.	6	20	—
Frogs	魚肚	魚	"	08	26	30	Horse-radish, Shanghai	老	每	doz.	30	8	4
Garoupa	魚肚	魚	"	04	32	25	Indian Corn	粟	每	doz.	0	45	—
Gudgeon	魚肚	魚	"	22	40	30	Lettuce	生	每	doz.	8	1	—
Herrings	魚肚	魚	"	22	22	18	Water Chestnuts	生	每	doz.	10	—	8
Halibut	魚肚	魚	"	30	18	28	" Mandarin	生	每	doz.	12	—	8
Labrus	魚肚	魚	"	32	18	15	Mushrooms, Fresh	鮮	每	doz.	—	8	8
Loach	魚肚	魚	"	00	32	13	Okroka	生	每	doz.	1	10	10
Lobsters	魚肚	魚	"	50	62	24	Onions, Bombay	生	每	doz.	10	8	8
Mackerel	魚肚	魚	"	28	32	21	" Green	生	每	doz.	8	4	6
Monk Fish	魚肚	魚	"	34	20	20	" Shanghai	生	每	doz.	8	6	—
Mullet	魚肚	魚	"	28	18	2	Paraley	生	每	doz.	10	60	8
Oysters	魚肚	魚	"	32	12	2	Potato, Sweet	生	每	doz.	5	8	—
Percock Fish	魚肚	魚	"	22	14	9	" Japanese	生	每	doz.	4	3	—
Perch	魚肚	魚	"	32	18	29	" American	生	每	doz.	7	3	—
Plaice	魚肚	魚	"	35	38	29	Pumpkin	生	每	doz.	5	4	4
Pomfret, White	魚肚	魚	"	50	36	30	Radiash	生	每	doz.	24	—	10
Pomfret, Black	魚肚	魚	"	38	36	45	Rhubarb (Fresh)	生	每	doz.	12	—	8
Prayns	魚肚	魚	"	02	10	14	Shallots	生	每	doz.	6	8	—
Ray	魚肚	魚	"	16	10	14	Spinach	生	每	doz.	12	4	4
Rock Fish	魚肚	魚	"	22	18	18	Tomatoes	生	每	doz.	5	7	—
Roach	魚肚	魚	"	26	23	10	Taro	生	每	doz.	6	6	—
Salmon	魚肚	魚	"	50	68	30	Turnips, Funtti (Long)	生	每	doz.	5	4	—
Shark	魚肚	魚	"	16	3	10	Vegetable Marrow	生	每	doz.	8	15	—
Shole	魚肚	魚	"	16	10	40	Water Cress	生	每	doz.	8	15	—
Shrimps	魚肚	魚	"	43	32	30	Water Lily Root	生	每	doz.	8	16	—
Skipper	魚肚	魚	"	42	28	29							
Sole	魚肚	魚	"	32	32	29							
Tench	魚肚	魚	"	28	36	38							
Turbot	魚肚	魚	"	28	18	12							
Turbot, small, 12 water	魚肚	魚	"	130	40	—							

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TROUBLE IN ALLAHABAD.

Lahore, Yesterday.
A stay of execution of the death sentence on Bhagat Singh, Rajguru, and Surkhdav, the three men who were sentenced to death in connection with the murder of Police Commissioner Saunders three years ago, was refused, and all three were hanged in Lahore to-day.

Acts of Arson.

Allahabad, Yesterday.
Many acts of arson by discontented tenants are reported from districts near Allahabad, where there has recently been propaganda urging tenants not to pay rents.

A Mohammedan landowner collecting rents yesterday was attacked by his tenants and narrowly escaped with his life. His servants are alleged to have killed one of his assailants with spears and axes and to have beaten two others so that they are in a precarious condition.

Police armed with clubs dispersed a large crowd including many Congress volunteers in one village who were demonstrating against landlords distraining tenants' crops, and arrested the ringleaders.—Reuter.

General Position.

Rugby, Yesterday.
Replying to several questions regarding the present position of the Indian boycott, the Secretary for India, Mr. Wedgwood-Benn, said that he was asking the Government of India for a full statement which would be communicated to members. Questioned as to the effect on the textile industry of the recent Viceroy-Gandhi Agreement, Mr. Benn replied: "I think it will be better to be patient and see how trade progresses. The signs are not unfavourable at present." While the members were calling attention to legitimate grievances, they were overlooking the perceptible improvement now taking place.

Asked for information regarding the recent communal riots in the Mirzapur district, during which 11 Mohammedans were killed by Hindus, the Secretary for India attributed the disturbances to baseless rumours that a Mohammedan Zamindar (landowner) had given cow-flesh to a Hindu servant. Sixty arrests were made and an adequate Police Force was now in control. No renewal of the disturbances was expected.

The Secretary for India informed the House of Commons that he was consulting the Governor-General on the question of adequate representation of organised Indian labour on the reconstituted Federal Structure Committee.—British Wireless Service.

RETURN FLIGHT.

FRENCH AIRMEN PLAN TO
FLY BACK.

TO FOLLOW SAME ROUTE.

Tokyo, Yesterday.
Burtin and Moench are planning to hop off on their return to France on March 26, weather permitting, and will follow the same route as the one they came by.—Reuter.

PLAN TO FORGE PACT WITH LABOUR.

Mr. Lloyd George Holds
a Private Meeting.

TOO MANY DISSIDENTS.

London, Yesterday.
The largest meeting of Liberal ex-Ministers ever held occurred in Mr. Lloyd George's room in the House of Commons this evening, for the purpose of discussing the conversations which Mr.



Mr. Lloyd George.

Lloyd George had during the week-end with members of the Government in regard to the possibility of a closer working arrangement between Liberals and the Government.

The meeting was private and was attended by Sir John Simon, and other Liberal ex-Ministers, who opposed any arrangement with the Government.

The matter will be further discussed at a meeting of the Liberal Parliamentary Party to-morrow, but no decisive results are expected before the end of the week at the earliest.

Strong Line Taken.

It is understood that owing to the strong line taken by Sir John



Sir John Simon.

Simon's followers, the meeting led to no practical result and there is little prospect of a sufficient number of Liberals reaching the agreed line of procedure to make a formal declaration worth while.

Apart from a dozen "Simonites," another section of Liberals, while favouring the retention of the Labour Government in office, is disinclined to bind itself to vote for it on all occasions.

Co-operation Favoured.

It is understood that the meeting by a majority approved of co-operation with the Government on policies common to both, which does not change the existing situation essentially.—Reuter.

TRAGEDY OF WORLD'S FASTEST TRAIN.

Passengers Imprisoned
for Hours.

SIX KILLED.

London, Yesterday.
By the light of acetylene flares, the rescue work was continued late into the night. Twisted wreckage is all that remains of the "Royal Scot," the world's fastest train, that in 1928 achieved a record non-stop run of 400 miles from Glasgow to London, and recently attained a speed of 90 miles an hour.

It was approaching a speed of 70 miles an hour, when it reared like a horse, and slithered on to its side, with a shrieking hiss, while the carriages piled up like a contorted snake, imprisoning the passengers for many hours.

Hefty rescuers wielded hatchets and crowbars, and mechanics operated oxy-acetylene apparatus to slice the girders and release the passengers. Surgeons used knives, and in one case workers spent three hours trying to reach a man who sipped brandy, and expressed gratitude for their efforts. He finally died and his body is still not extricated or identified.

Mrs. Margaret Lang and her daughter Dorothy were kept alive by oxygen for a similar period, but Dorothy's foot had to be amputated, before she could be released. It was her 18th birthday.

The fatalities include Sir George Saltmarsh, who was identified by papers in his pocket.

Miss Dorothy Lang, aged eighteen, of Greenock, whose leg was amputated before she could be released from the wreckage of the "Royal Scot," expires, has died. Her father is a well-known Scottish shipper.

The death toll is now six. It was at first feared that an unknown passenger was among the dead, but it is now believed that he has been accounted for.—Reuter.

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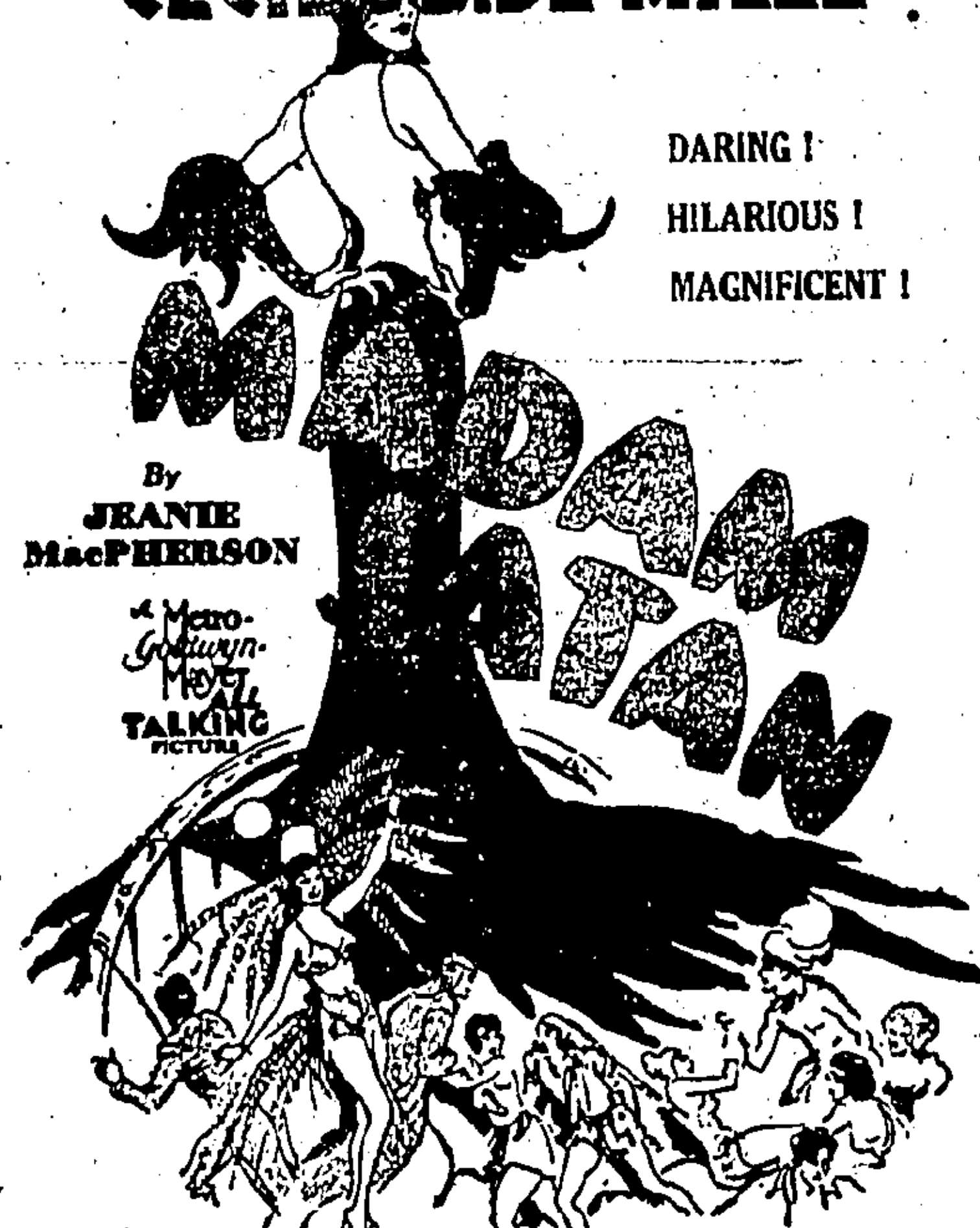
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